"Nobody does it like US"

Academics • Sports • Fine Arts • Activities • Clubs • Ads

Seniors • Juniors • Sophomores • Freshman • Faculty

Being *diverse,*
we create a *unity*,
and **strive** for excellence.

We *look* to the **PAST**
and *smile*, but
are never **surprised**
when...

"*Nobody* does **it** *like* ***us***"

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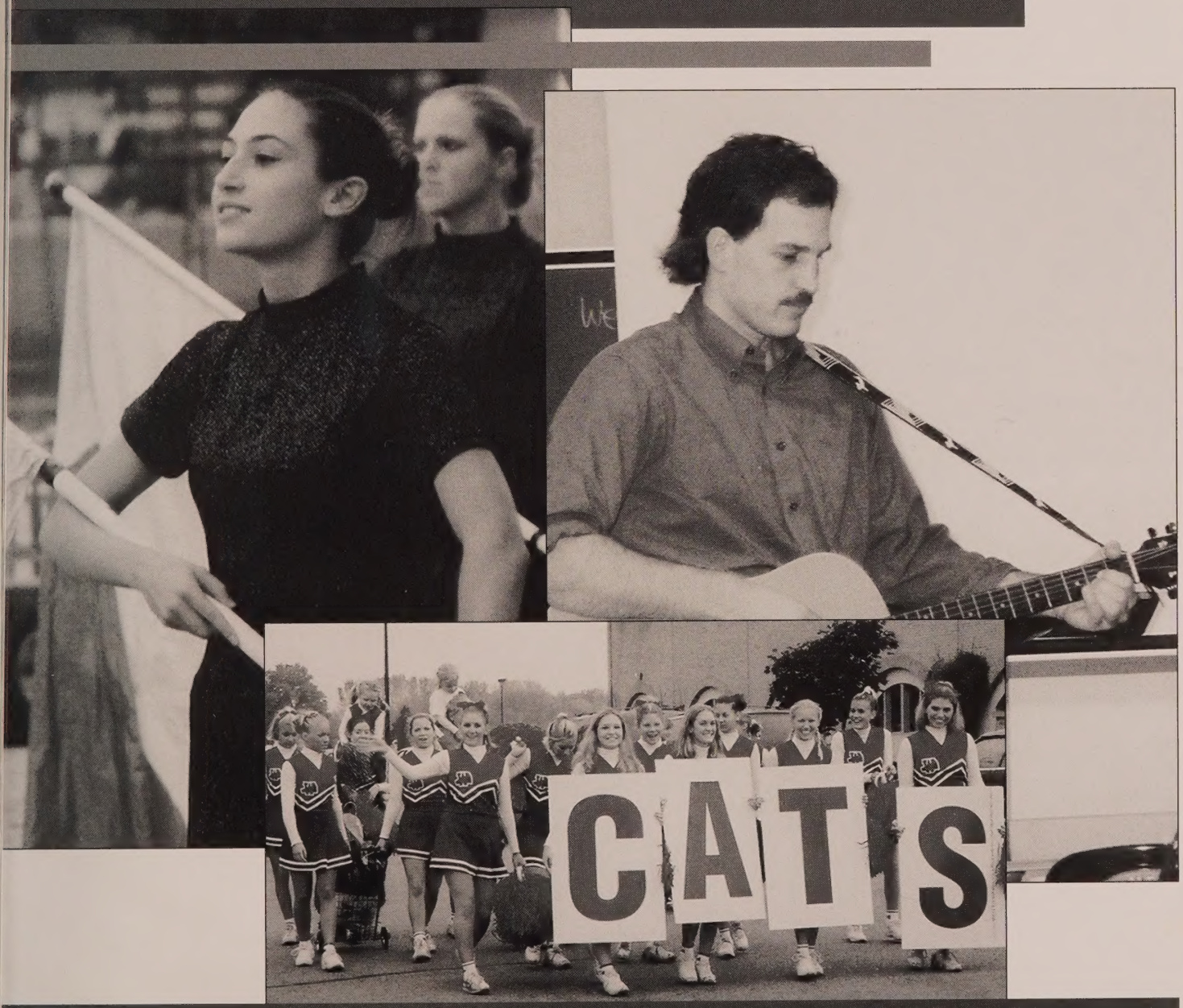

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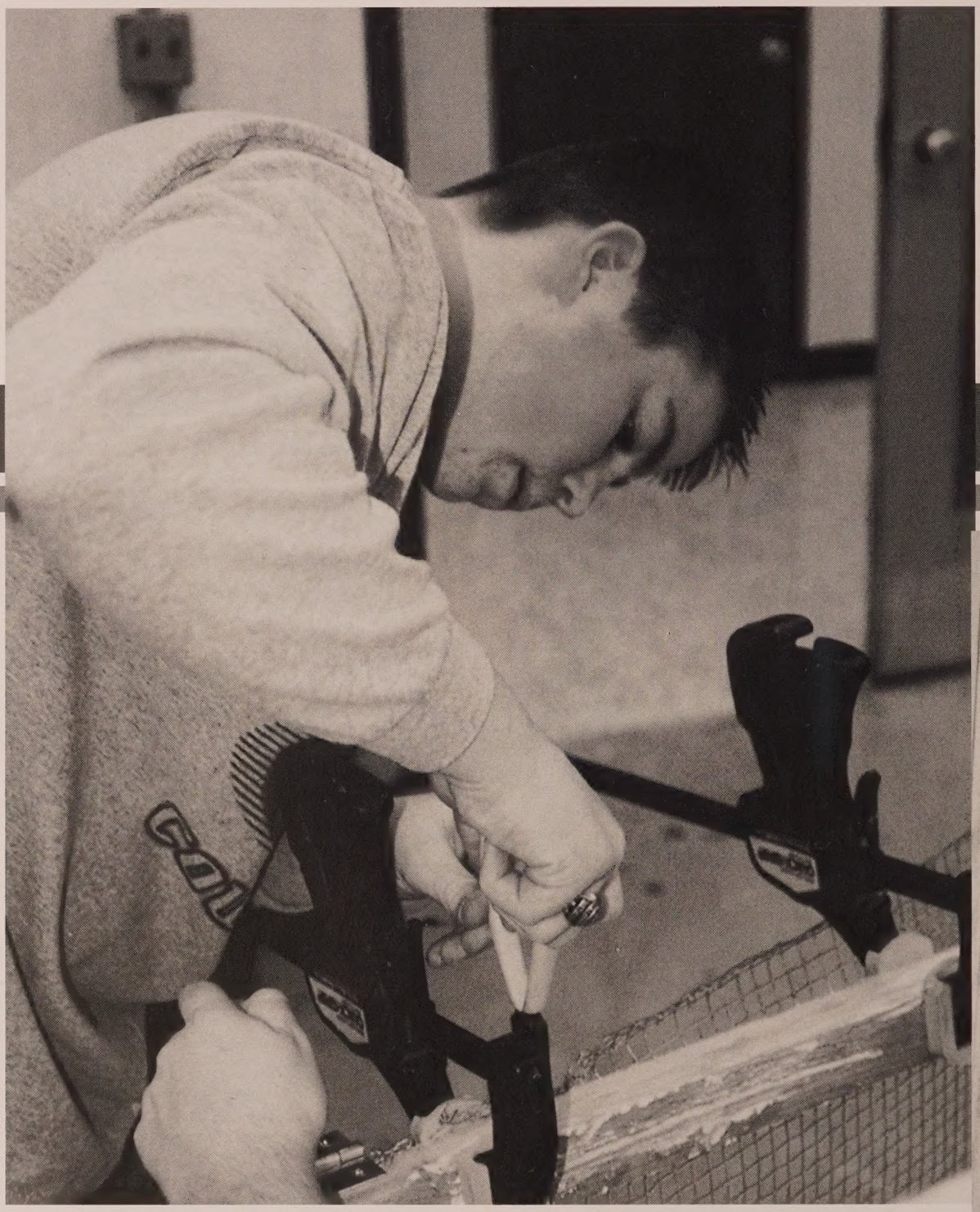
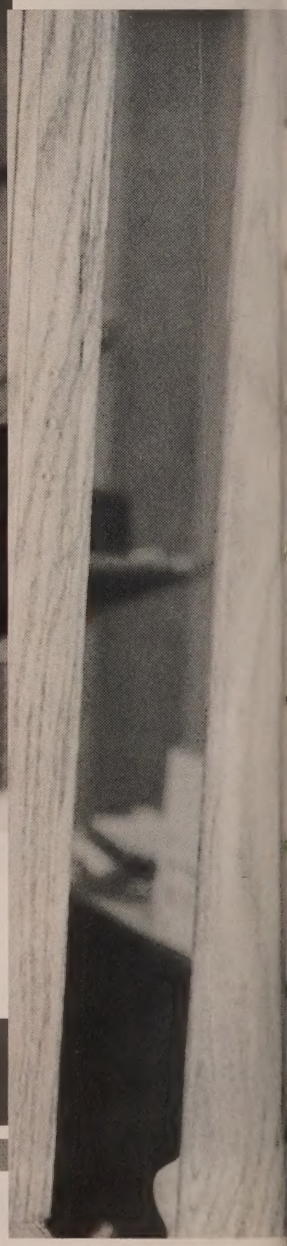
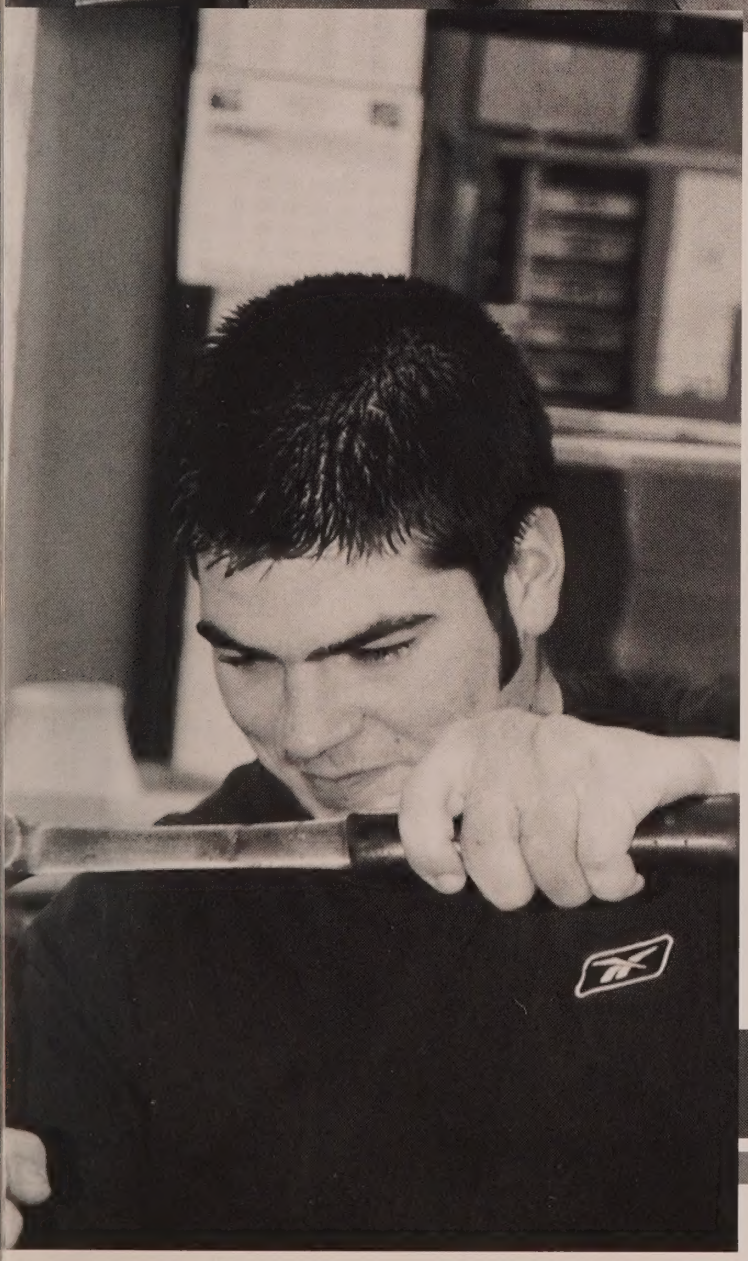


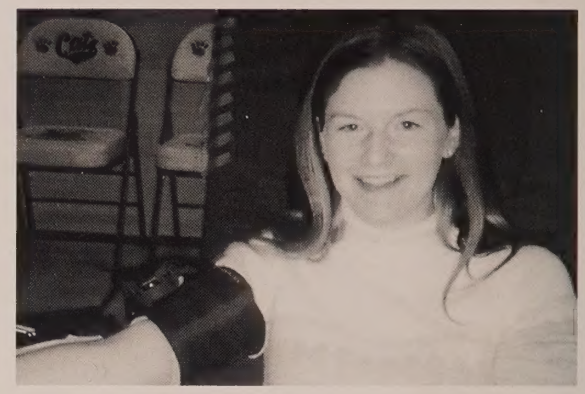




Students enjoy elective classes.

Electives allow students to pursue their interests. From woods to physical education, students find classes that help them grow as individuals.

Hatred and violence in our world seem to breed non-stop, and the good works people do can disappear quickly. It is easy to let someone else take care of the world's problems, to sit back and just let things happen. The few people who decide to make a difference, though, find many simple ways of promoting a change in society that can last forever and touch the hearts of many.



(right) Kristin Bumbaugh poses for the camera before she donates blood to the Red Cross.

Whispered Dreams *Captured Our Hearts*

Throughout this school year on many occasions the student body and faculty put their hearts together to help those in need. Chain Link Wars, which included all grades but became especially competitive between the junior and senior classes, was one of SADD's contributions. Money and nonperishable food items were collected in exchange for chain links, and at the end of the competition, SADD held a pizza party for the winning seniors, although a few juniors that gave exceptional amounts also attended the pizza party.

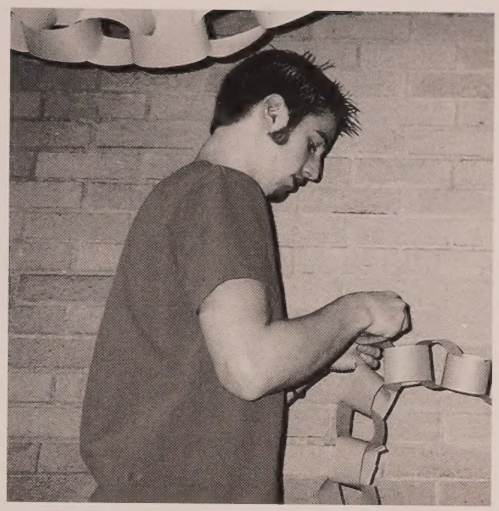
Sunshine also made generous contributions to the community. The clothing drive, the pop tab collection for Riley's Children Hospital, toys that the school collected for needy children, and a kids'Halloween carnival "Boo Spectacular" were all activities sponsored by Sunshine.

FCCLA held the "Adopt A Family," and Campus Life set up a teacher breakfast. Mr. Lopshire has an extra credit project for all his classes that encourages students to help improve the community. "I want the students to get involved in the community and show what they can do, so that the community realizes what these teenagers are capable of," Lopshire states.

Many hearts united by one goal led by the campaign to make dreams come true.

(left) Russell Myhnier and Cory Vanderford are speeding along the process of the Chain Links War.

(right) Brandon Schrader hangs the remaining evidnece of the senior's victory.



(above) Caroline Cripe sorts through generous food donations given during Chain Links War.

(right) Seniors and Juniors enjoy the pizza party for their great generosity during the Chain Links War.

(above) Sunshine girls Marie Boger, Lauren St. Clair and Christine Beets do last minute touch ups for the fun-filled event of "Boo Spectacular."

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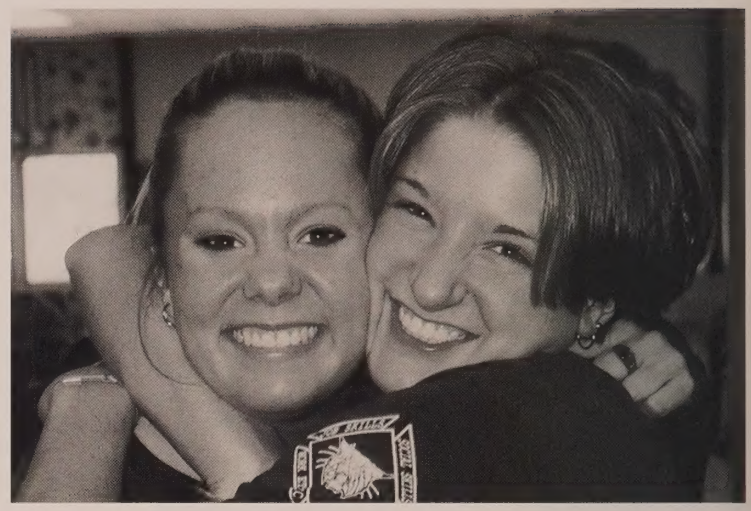
"A friend is one who believes in you when you have ceased to believe in yourself."



amigos

"friends are the most important ingred

Entering high school most of us found it easiest to befriend those our own age. As the years progressed, we began to talk to students in different classes, and close relationships began to form. We started to realize that people can learn from those older or even younger than themselves.

Though many of these upperclass-underclass relationships have been acquired throughout high school, some have lasted much longer. Many students meeting in elementary and middle school have continued to stay close with those they went to the babysitter and played at recess with as young children.

Having to say good-bye will be rough for some, but knowing their friendships will continue throughout the years will keep smiles on their faces. "I will never forget about Lauren. She makes me laugh, I don't think I'll be able to find someone quite like her in college," says Erin Whitt about her friend Lauren St. Clair pictured below.

(far left) Leah Winger and Stacy Socha can't get any closer. Cousins Tiffany Hatton and Brooke Weber (left), and Tara Eberhart and Lisa Wilkinson (above) make the best of friends.

ent in the recipe of life"–d.y.

(left) It's hard not to smile when you have a friendship like Brandon Waterson and Jennifer Wendels. (right) Seniors Gabe McKeiver and Kristen Bumbaugh found it easy to befriend Junior Jody Klinger.

(left) Jinnifer Miller agrees with the rest of Whitko High School "It's gonna be hard to say good-bye to Ty."
(right) Danielle Kreger and Amanda Green hang out and have fun. It's what they do best!

Layout by: Lauren St. Clair and Erin Whitt

Loving Memories

"Angels in Waiting"

Christopher Eppelmen
June 1986–October 2002

"THEY WERE ANGELS IN WAITING
WAITING FOR WINGS
TO FLY FROM THIS WORLD"

"Angels in Waiting" Tammy Cochran

David Eppelmen
November 1987-October 2002

Where it all began..

Babies...

they make you smile

Nobody does it like the Seniors when they were little

Choo! Choo!

Fun at the zoo!

oh baby!

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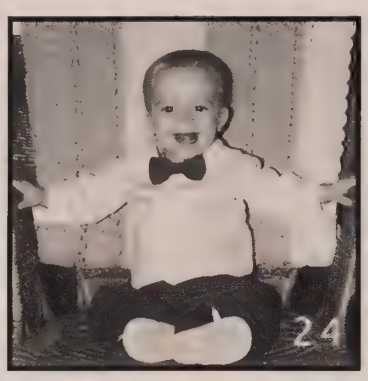

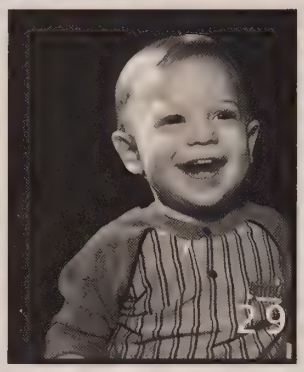

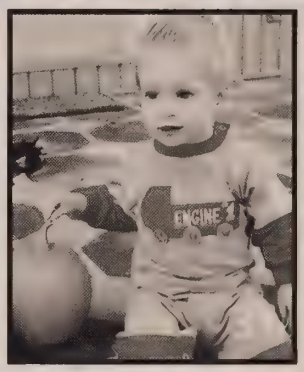

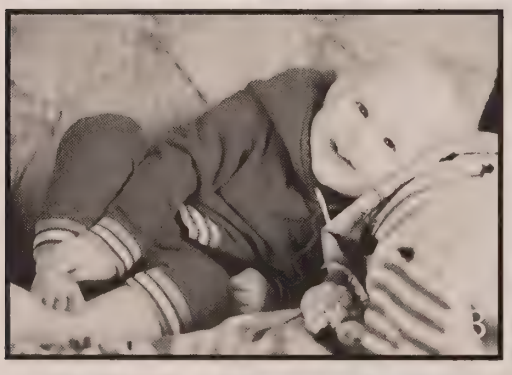

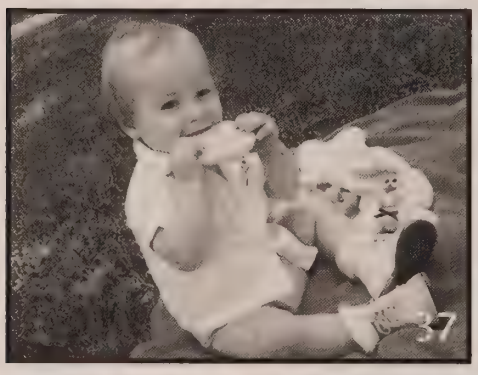

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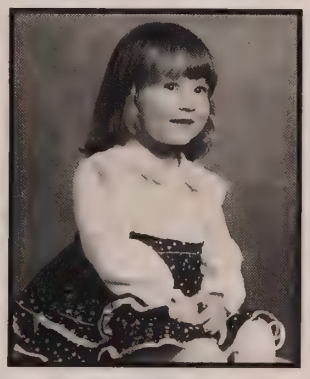
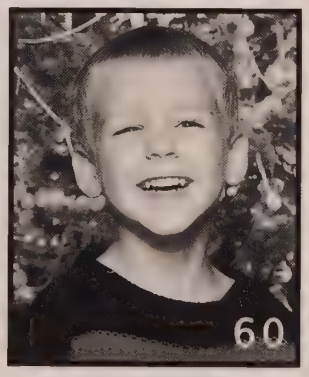
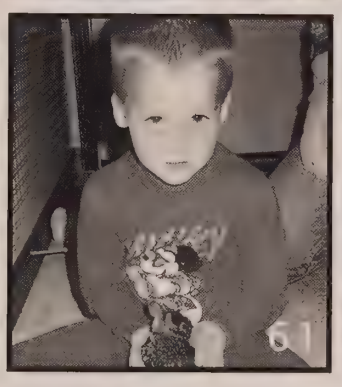

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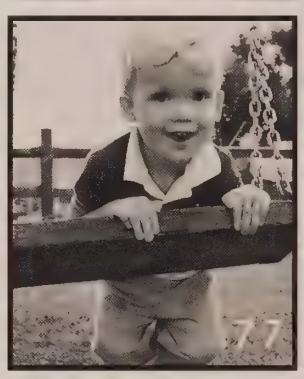

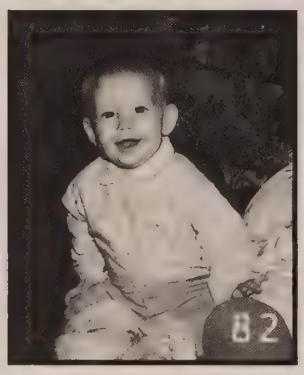

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Class Of 2003

As we begin to look into colleges and our future, we think about the past four years. We made so many memories that we will forever carry on with us. Most of us met in pre-school, where we ate glue and learned to tie our shoe, but it wasn't until sixth grade that we became one. We joined a whole new group of students and that was the day we became the class of 2003.

"My friends are my estate."

Emily Dickinson

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

Helen Keller

"My bestfriend is the one who brings out the best in me."

Henry Ford

Memories Forever....

"Pushing shopping carts with my nova." *Kevin Feldman*

Nobody does it like the Seniors

"First day of senior year, I was sent home for my shirt."

Brandy Bayles

"Winning sectionals in basketball, sophomore year."

Nic Sprunger

"I cut through my thumb in art class and visited the hospital."

Tara Eberhart

Freshman year on an art field trip, the bus had to be pulled out of the mud with a bobcat."

Hannah Brenneman

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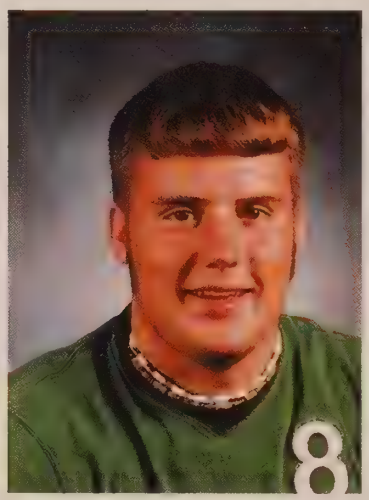

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Kameron Brown

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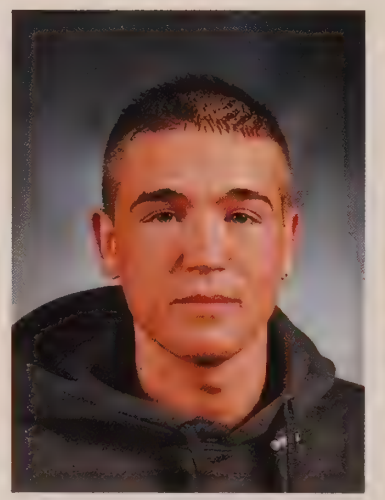

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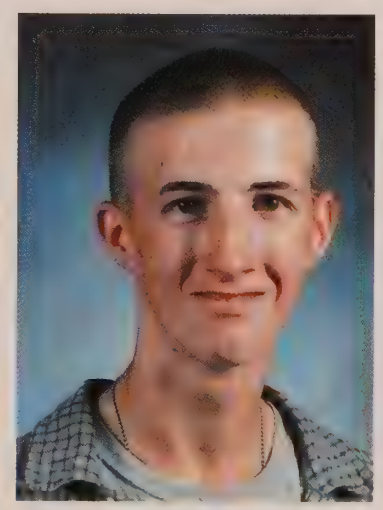

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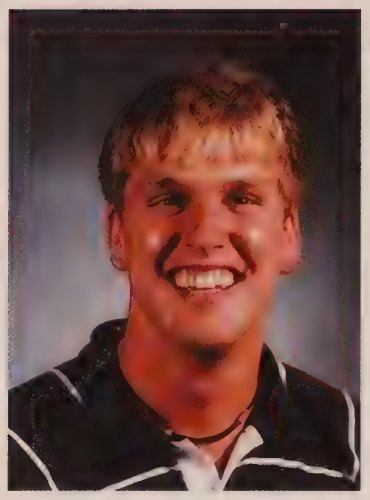

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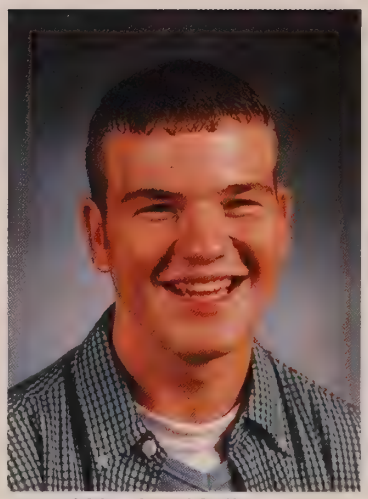

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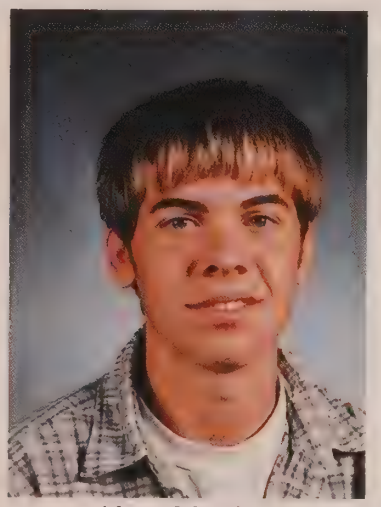

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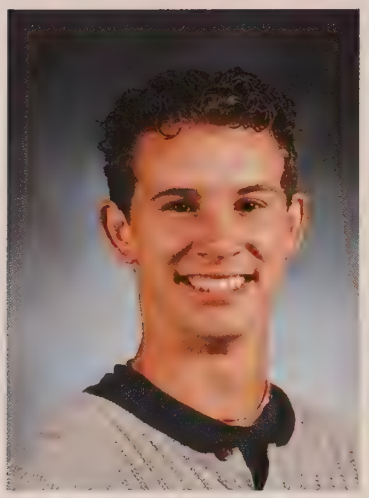

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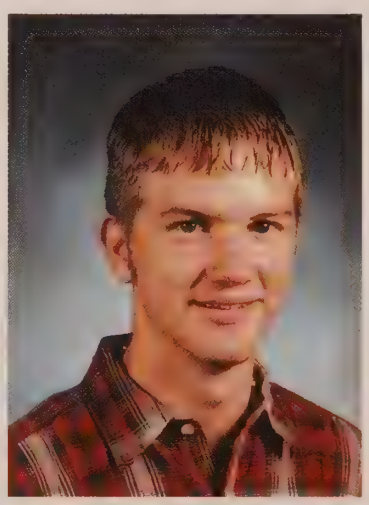

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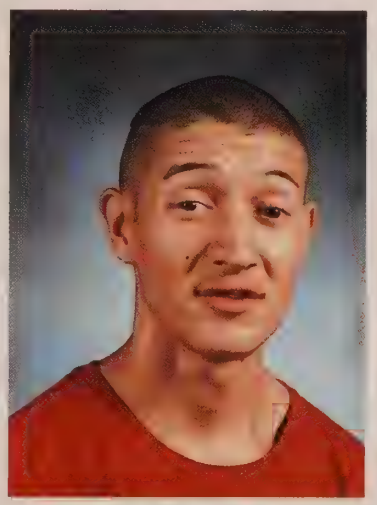

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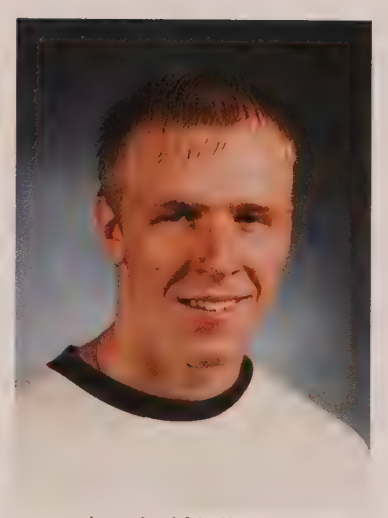

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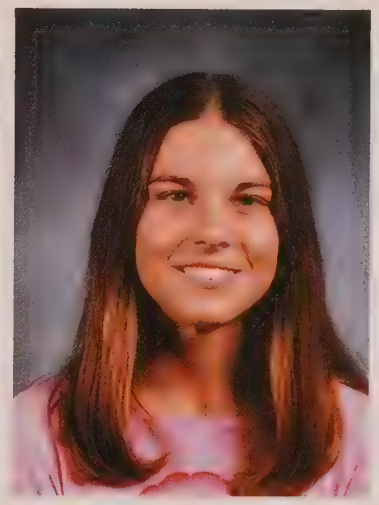

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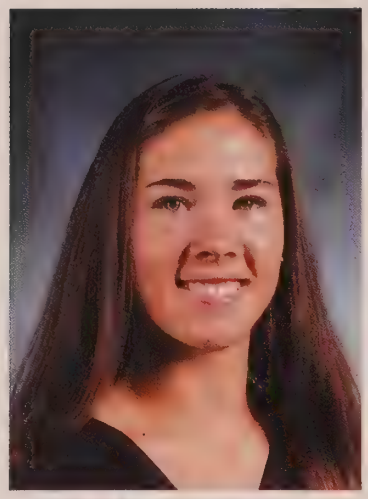

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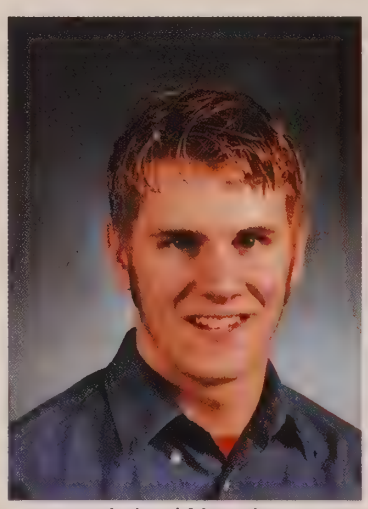

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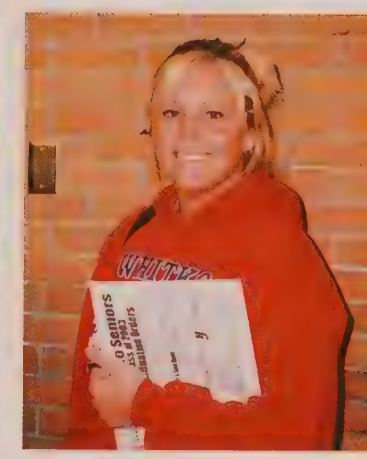


Class Of 2003 Congrats!

"Seniors know how to have fun!"

Layout: Brooke Workman

raising food for charity... turns into competition fun!

Chain Links

On December 9, SADD held the annual Chain Link Wars. The cost for each of the links were 25 cents or 5 for a dollar, but a nonperishable good would earn the class three links. By December 17 the only competitors were the junior class and the senior class. Both classes had tricks up their sleeves; they were to bring in a lot of nonperishable goods on the last day of the competition. Some juniors surprised people by bringing in over 400 items for the their class, but the senior class wasn't taking that lying down. Many seniors helped along the way, by working all throughout the day to bring in canned food. By lunchtime on December 18, 2002 the library was a total disaster, with food everywhere! After second lunch the winners were announced, the senior class had pulled away from the juniors with over 1000 chain links. Great Job to all that participated, let's keep this up next year.

Layout: Marcus Coyle

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." -Pablo Picasso

For many of us, as children, crayons and coloring books were part of our favorite passtime. As we grew up, our friends, appearance, and school began to consume our time. As a man with a great love for art himself, Mr. Malicki knows and tries to instill in us the importance of art in our daily lives.

Freshman, Brett King decides to take his drawing to a new level...by standing up?

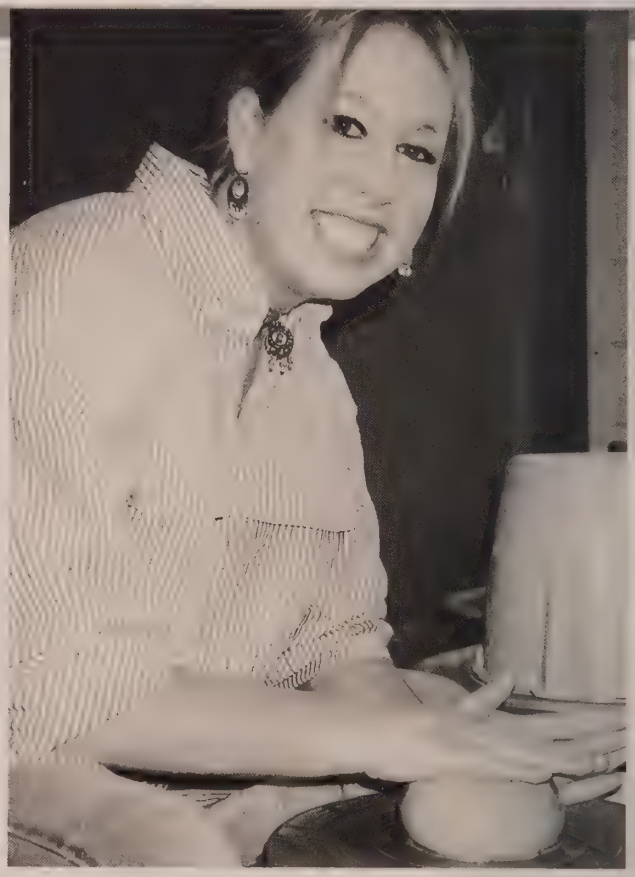
Creative Minds

"without art, the crudeness of t

When faced with the challenge of an Art I class, Mr. Malicki starts with the basics. First, the color scale is introduced and students learn how to add depth and texture to a white piece of paper. Next, of course, students are taught the art of drawing. Malicki doesn't just teach how to draw though, he teaches his students to see from different lights and angles. To add a little more fun and color to class, Malicki simply brings out the colored pencils and paint brushes. Before advancing, the students learn how to use colored pencil and paint with the color chart.

In Art II students explore different forms of art. They are given the opporunity to try a little bit of everything. Painting and drawing are taken to a new level. Paper sculpture is introduced along with print making. For the first time students are given the chance to try their hand at the potters wheel. After trying all of these new ways to express themselves, most students now move onto Advanced Art.

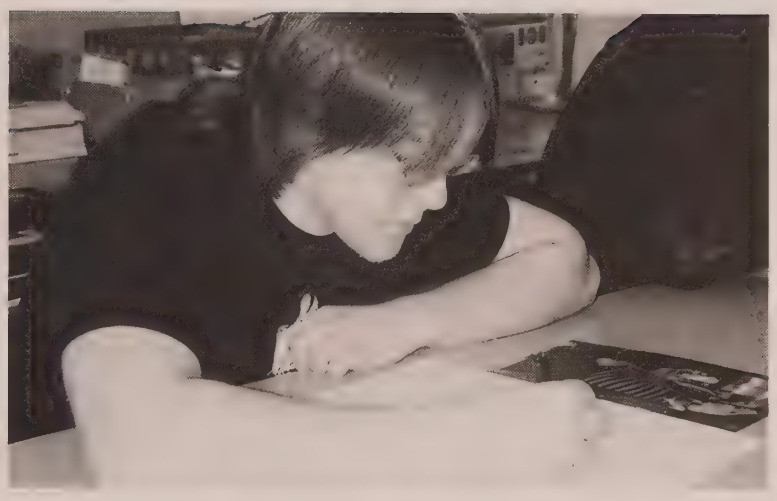
Advanced Art gives students a chance to concentrate on the areas in which they excel. Creativity runs wild in this art class as students bring their work to an entirely new level.



"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

-Albert Einstein

Tami Whitt, Lauren St. Clair, and Halie Allen agree that taking art with friends makes it even more fun.



Justin Barker concentrates on his drawing.

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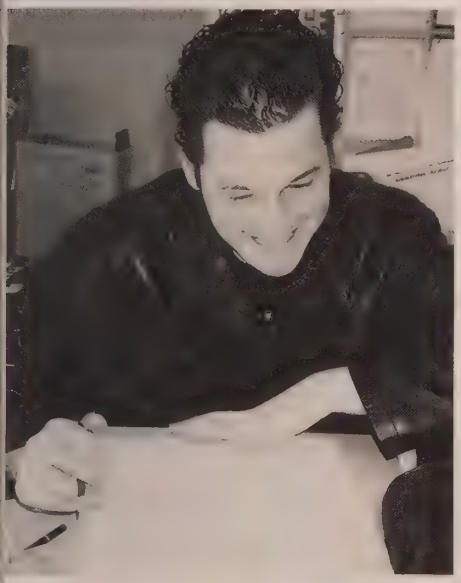
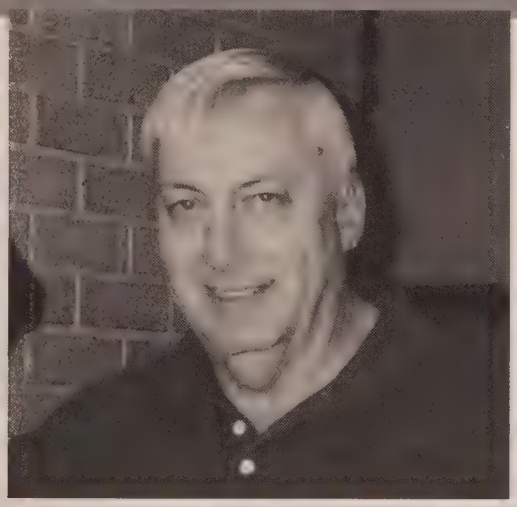




(above) The man behind it all: Mr Malicki. (left) Jon Gingery is so happy with his work he can't help but smile!

Brandon Waterson works on printmaking.

(left) Nathan and Jeff paint their color charts for Art I. (right) Uhh... Nate? Isn't it hard to draw with a broken elbow?

Layout: Lauren St. Clair and Danielle Burnworth

Hall wars, super heroes, powderpuff, spirit days, and homecoming floats, what do all of these have in common? SPIRIT WEEK! Leading up to the annual homecoming, Spirit Week is a fun filled celebration encouraging students to get involved and show their school spirit.

We've Got Spirit

How About You

Festivities offically began on Sunday evening as the classes started building their homecoming floats. Everyone worked hard in hopes to impress the judges and win the contest. Cheerleaders set themes for each day of the week and students dressed to show their spirit. Hall wars between classes were held on Tuesday, and Juniors took the victory. Seniors proved themselves on Wednesday night at the Powderpuff football game when they and the freshman defeated the Sophomores and Juniors. Once again, the Seniors would prove victorious as they took first place in the float contest on Friday night. To finish off the excitement, the football team dominated the Oak Hill Eagles and won the football game 28-6.

Photo 1. Senior and Freshman boys cheer on their girls at the powderpuff game.
Photo 2. Hannah dresses up for Hawaiian Day.
Photo 3. Who are these hotties? Ty, John, David, Robbie, and John show off more than just their spirit.
Photo 4. Jess and Rachel join others in dressing up for Spirit Week.

Above. Senior and Freshman girls get together for a victory picture after winning Wednesday night's powderpuff game.

Q: What's Your Favorite Dress-up Day of Spirit Week?

A: "I liked Cowboy day because I dressed up for it."
~Sam Lung

A: I guess Hawaiian Day since that's when I dressed up."
~Tyler Wilkinson

Layout: Tara Eberhart Photos: Student Publications

This year's homecomig was filled with many exciting activities. Students participated in hall wars, spirit week, and float decorating. All of these things led up to one thing, Friday night's homecoming football game.

Throughout the week, all the classes worked hard on their American hero theme floats. The seniors chose the "Armed Forces," juniors chose the "Founding Fathers," sophomores chose "Martin Luther King Jr.," and the freshmen chose "Teachers."

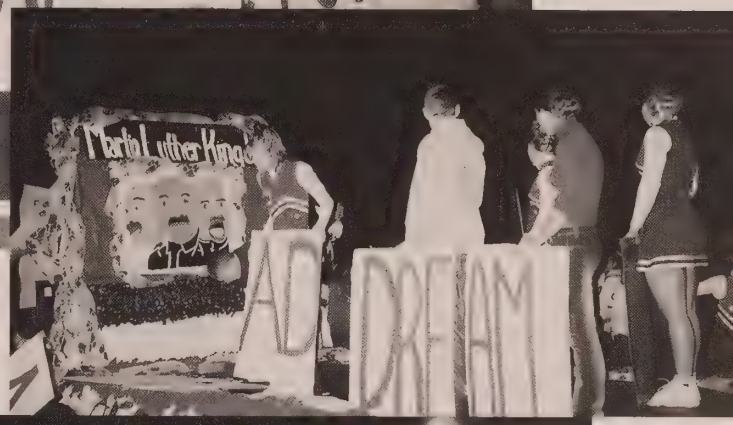
Homecoming 2002

Elected for the homecoming court for the seniors were Russell Mynhier, Colt Jefferson, Christine Beets, and Tiffany Hatton. Representing the juniors were Brandon Waterson, Nelson Ringle, Danielle Barnett, and Alyssa Carlin. Nominees from the sophomore class were John Carrol, Nate Anderson, Catlin Sautter, and Dianne Beets. Brad Smith, Kyle Boggs, Jenna Yeager, and Stephanie Coble represented the freshmen class.

Spirits ran high at the homecoming football game against the Oak Hill Eagles. As the Cats headed in to the locker room with a 14-0 lead at half time, the homecoming festivities began. The homecoming court and floats circled the football field while the float winners were announced. The senior float was victorious. The junior float came in second, and the freshman float came in third. Colt Jefferson and Dianne Beets won the titles of Mr. and Miss Congeniality. Crowned as Whitko's 2002 Homecoming King and Queen were Russell Mynhier and Christine Beets.

The night ended with much excitement as the Cats defeated the Eagles 28-6.

Photo 1. Seniors finished their last year of spirit week with a big bang by winning first place in the float contest.
Photo 2. Juniors came in at a close second with their American hero float.
Photo 3. Sophomores finished last with their float honoring Martin Luther King Jr.
Photo 4. Freshmen took third with their "Teachers" float.



(left) The 2002 Homecoming court consisted of Christine Beets, Russell Mynhier, Dianne Beets, and Colt Jefferson.

Q. What is your favorite part of homecoming?

A. Excitement from spirit week enhances the intensity of the football game.
~Alex Frantz

A. Spirit week and everything leading up to the football game.
~Andrea Shepherd

Layout: Tiffany Hatton & Jennifer Wendel

With only 15.9 seconds left on the clock, Sprunger snaps the ball to Walpole, who hands off to Lukens. Lukens stops in midstride and fires a pass downfield to Waterson. Waterson makes the catch and runs in a 70 yard touchdown. Wildcats WIN!

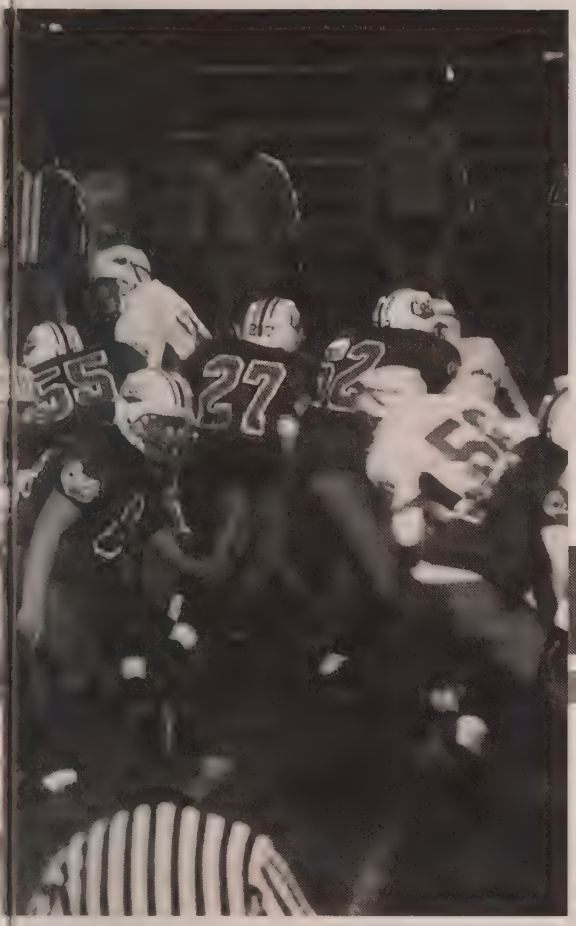
Plays like this only happen when everyone gives their all and no one gives up. The Wildcat team was full of amazing moments just like this throughout the season.

(right) The 'Cats fought hard to the very end, working together to keep defenders away from the quarterback.

The Strive to Victory

The players became more than a team; they were a family. Memories that they made on the field, and off, will be with them forever. Despite ending their season in the second round of the sectional, the 'Cats had a very successful season. Capturing a TRC championship and ending with a 7-4 record gave the team something to be extremely proud of.

(above) The team was filled with excitement after their stunning victory at Culver. (left) Coble, Robbins, Waterson, Renschler, Calhoun, and Walpole join together to calm their nerves before the clock runs down at Tippy Valley.



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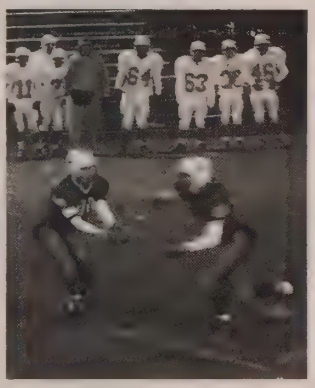
Q: "What has been the best part of football this year?"
A: "I really don't know how to describe it. Its just a feeling that you get when you're playing. I guess there wasn't just one moment that was the best part."
~Dustin Boardman, varsity co-captain

Nobody does it like the TRC Champs!



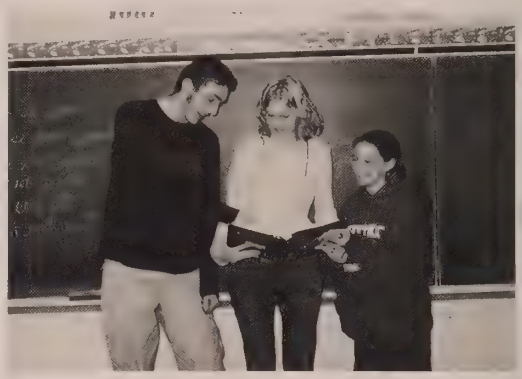
(left) Quarterback Brad Walpole hands off to Brandon Waterson.

(right) Kevin Feldman holds his own against a South Bend defender.

(row 1) Ball Boys: Chas Busz, Kaleb Swender, Trent Rowland, Taylor Kessie, Ryan Busz. (row 2) J.J. Gibson, Robby Harris, Brent Boardman, Logan Miller, Nate Anderson, Andrew Goble, Zach Week, Matt Thomas, Zach Anderson, Chris Larson, Tristan Brubaker, Blake Truman, John Carroll. (row 3) Dan Vandewalle, Kurt Swender, Jeremy Coble, Brandon Waterson, Weston Brandley, Jarad Eberly, Nik Simison, Tyler Wilkinson, Brock Byram, Dane Bause, Drew Lopshire, Kody Hand, Alan Robbins. (row 4) Dan Calhoun, Scott Elder, Brad Walpole, Corey Spangle, Nelson Ringle, Joe Auer, Travis Christman, Dustin Boardman, Travis Pherigo, Nic Sprunger, Kevin Feldman, Ross Adang, Travis Trump, asst. coach, Joey Busz, asst. coach. (row 5) Wayne Swender, asst. coach; Josh Mohr, asst. coach; Bryan Sprunger, head coach; Damon Shepherd, Wes Renschler, Jacob Phend, Josh Green, Nate Alspaugh, Justin Hobbs, Steven Elder, Alex Frantz, Kip Kilborne, Brett Lukens, Justin Mullins, David Lopshire, asst. coach.

Layout: Tara Eberhart

Speaking English is no longer enough if one dreams of succeeding in today's modern world. The rapid growth of immigrants in the United States has greatly increased the demand for bi-lingual students. It has become difficult to get by knowing the English language alone. Spanish and French, both offered at Whitko High School, are two of the most commonly used second languages in the United States.



(left) Students in Mrs. Lake's French Class act out their lesson.

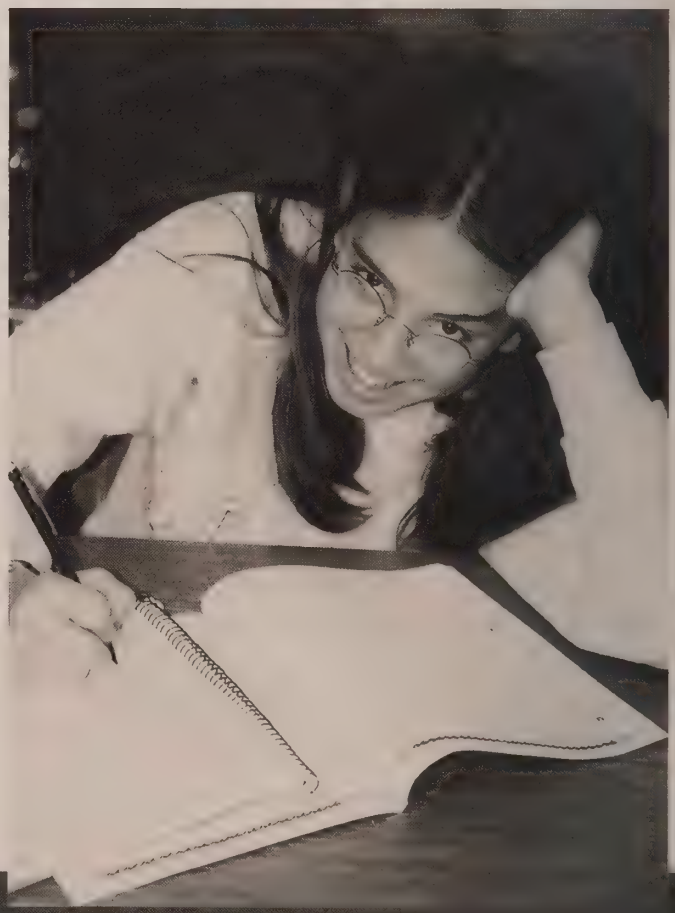
"hola... bonjour"

saying hello to a new world

This year an addition was made to the Foreign Language Department because of a growing number of students desiring to learn Spanish. Now teaching Spanish II is Senor Lemlar while "Senor Zapato" (Mr. Schuh) teaches Spanish I and III.

Despite the larger number of Spanish students, Madame Lake's French classes carry just as much excitement for learning a second language.

"We all smile in the same language..."



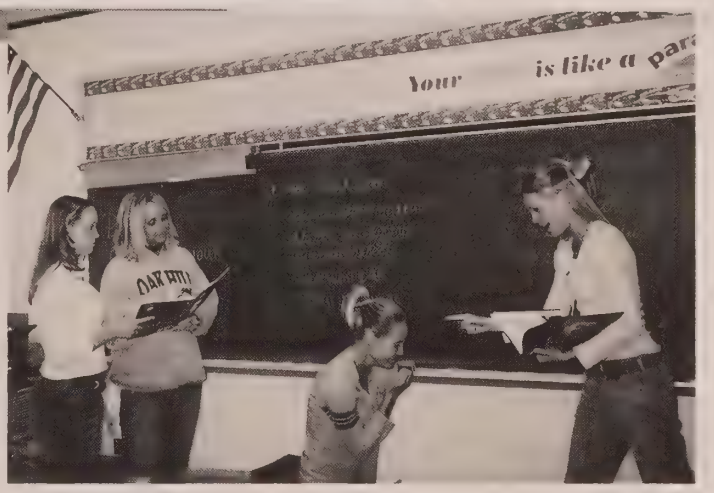
"To succeed internationally, we need to *understand* the cultures of the world; and we have all the cultures of the world represented right here - a tremendous competitive *advantage.*"

Ernest Thompson

(left) Seniors Tara Eberhart, Jennifer Wendel and Erin Whitt pretend they are in Paris for the day. (right) French students believe in hands on learning.

# of diversity

(left) Freshman Hannah VanHoozen works in her Spanish workbook. (right) Dramatic French students act out a skit. (below) These freshmen obviously enjoy Mr. Schuh's class.



"The Survey Says..."

French and Spanish students are asked "What is your favorite part of your foreign language?"

Spanish Classes

Caitlin Sautter: "Singing the preterite blues."
Diane Beets: "Learning by actually speaking Spanish."
Tyler Wilkinson: "When the bell rings."
Sarah Oberg: "TPR really helps us learn vocab."
Lauren St.Clair: "It's all equally thrilling."

French Classes

Tara Eberhart: "Mise en Trans."
Jennifer Wendel: "I can't do without the songs at the end of each lesson."
Jana Rowland: "Drawing mad Frenchmen."

Layout: Lauren Photos: Donny

With the boys and girls each having a mixture of all grades on their teams this year, persistance was one of the factors that made the Whitko Cross Country season a success. Camron Walter, along with the girl's team, advanced to the Regionals. Both the boy's and girl's team had a great season this year with Coach Hoopingarner and plan to have many more.

Persistance
Pays Off

Although both teams have players returning, the boy's team will say goodbye to some seniors. Coach Hoopingarner hopes to recruit more freshmen next year. Great job cross country. Best of luck next year!

(above) Keith Byram warming up.

(left) (row 1) Eric Camden, Tim Music, Josh Licata,and Clay Omelian.
(row 2) Kelly Wall, Manager, Keith Byram,Mike Fetro,Marc Walter,Tony Hull, Camron Walter, and Coach Hoopingarner.

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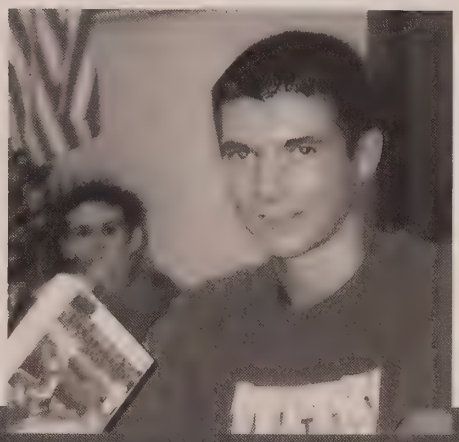

"I had a great four years in Whitko Cross Country."
Marc Walter

(left) "I'm looking forward to improving in my next three years."
Camron Walter

(right) "I hope to win three tournaments in a row."
Lisa Wilkinson

(row 1) Jessica Miles, Lynnette Holst.
(row 2) Kelly Wall, manager, Trista Mathias, Amanda Nicodemus, Dana Sellers, Kristy Jeffrey, Lisa Wilkinson, and Coach Hoopingarner.

Layout: Jeremy Jefferson Photos: Marcus Coyle

Joby Adams
Ashley Anderson
Zachary Anderson
Ashley Antique
Christopher Banks
Danielle Barnett
Kassie Bays

Zachary Biltz
Stephanie Boggs
Tasia Boggs
Daniel Brubaker
Alicia Burelison
Christina Burton
Eric Camden

Alyssa Carlin
Nathaniel Carver
Kyla Castle
Nicholas Chaney
Alison Clevenger
Jeremy Coble
Marcus Coyle

Kendra Craycraft
Kasey Crewse
Emily Crist
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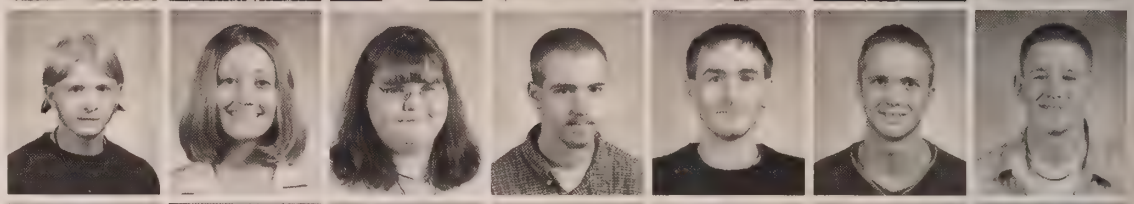

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Samantha Fronczak
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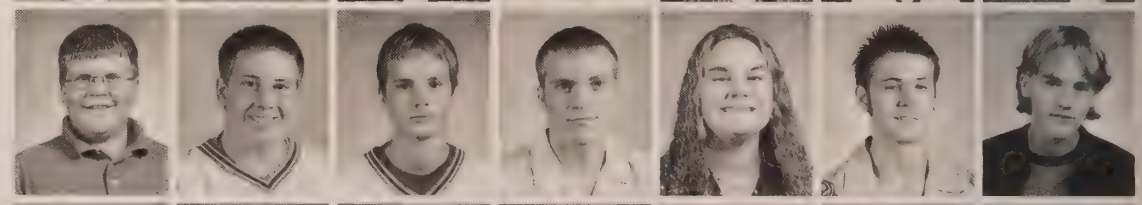

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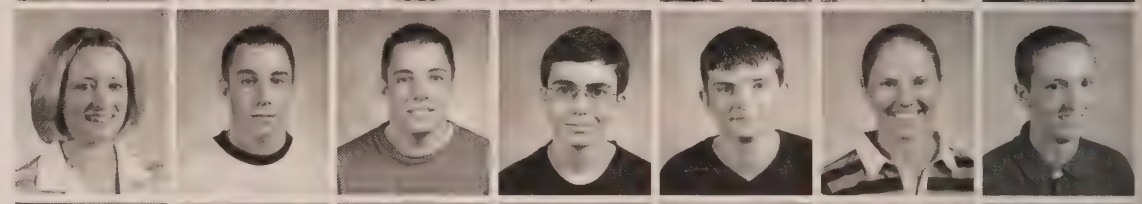
Michael Holler



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Matthew Keplinger
Sara Kessie

Kipton Kilbourne
Jocelyn Klinger
Danielle Kreger
Robert Lackey
Hillary Lacy
Tyson Landis
Joshua Lardino

Andrew Leininger
Matthew Licata
Joo-Yeol Lim
Sopho Machablishvili
Kyle Mathias
Trista Mathias
Zekiel McKenzie

James McManama
Katherine Menzie
Matthew Metzger
Julie Michel
Timothy Miles
Richard Miller
Sara Miller

Martin Mogensen
Christina Moore
Jill Mulligan
Justin Mullins
Maxwell Murphy
Gabriel Patino
Trisha Penn

Philip Peters
Adam Pettigrew
Jacob Phend
Travis Pherigo
Jessica Phillips
Denise Poe
Justin Poe

Krystal Poe
Adam Porter
Crystal Pratt
Stephanie Puckett
Andrea Jolene Reed
Nelson Ringle
Angela Roberts

Joe Rodriguez
Daniel Rogers
Joseph Rossiter
Kristine Rotach
Jana Rowland
Donelda Rudd
David Sainer

John Salmons II
Brandon Schrader
Andrew Secor
Dana Sellers
Johnathon Shafer
Noah Shepherd
Sarah Simpson

Staci Skiles
Holly Slater
April Smith
Jeffrey Smith
Nicholas Smith
Matthew Snyder
Matthew Snyder

Stacy Socha
Travis Spangler
Jessica Stahl
Dennis Staner
Christopher Stinson
Susan Stoddard
Timothy Stoffel

Kurtis Swender
Andrea Tennant
Joseph Thomas
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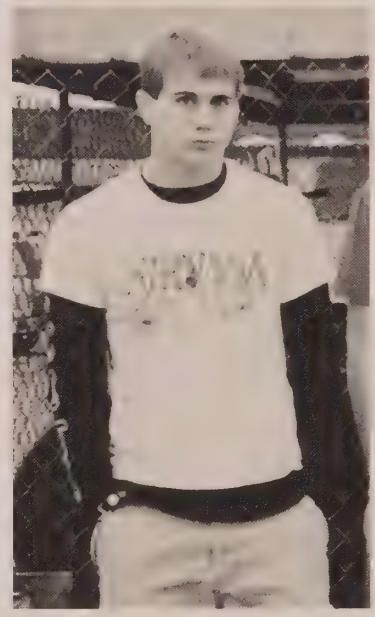

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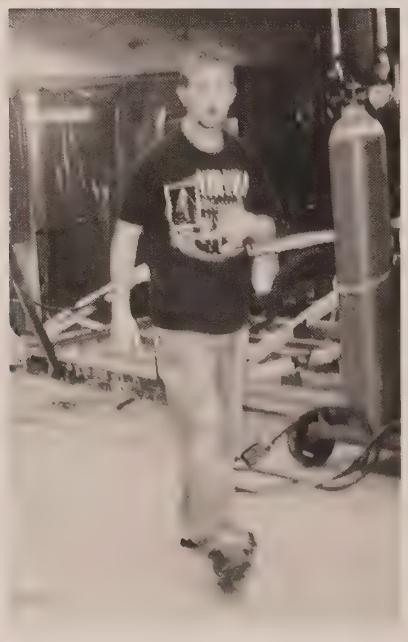

Flying High

New rules, new coaches, and new players were all factors for the new volleyball season this year. The Wildcat volleyball team had an older team six of the ten players were seniors and the other four were juniors. One of the senior leaders, Chelsey Grant, is shown in the photo on the right spiking the ball to the opposing team. Tiffany Hatton, Jennifer Wendel, Chelsey Grant, Vanessa Staller, Erin Whitt, Beth Hockemeyer, Jana Rowland, Tasia Boggs, Alicia Burelison, and Stacy Socha came together as

Queens of the court

the varsity squad to take on their competitors. With a tough schedule, Varsity Coach Steve Olsen knew his girls would have to play tough all season to be victorious.

The goals for the team this year were to work hard, play as a team, and always put up a good fight. Even with a losing record at the end of the season, the team accomplished some of the goals they set for themselves.

(above) The team huddles up preparing for a victory. (left) Lady Cats celebrate after their win over rival Manchester.

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Beth Hockemyer was a senior on the varsity team this year. Beth played every rotation and specialized in the back row. Beth said "the most exciting game this season was when we went up against rival Manchester for the first time. The team was down 0-2 and we came back and won 3-2."

Nobody does it like the varsity

(left) "The season was filled with many exciting moments, and it's sad that it eventually came to an end"

(right) "Our bus rides this year have been quite interesting. We are always laughing and goofing off!!" says Jennifer Wendel and Jana Rowland.

(row 1) Tasia Boggs, Erin Whitt, Tiffany Hatton, Alicia Burelison, Stacy Socha, Kasey Crewse. (row 2) Ashlyn Englehaupt, Beth Hockemeyer, Chelsey Grant, Vanessa Staller, Jennifer Wendel, Jana Rowland, and Amanda Strang.

Layout: Jennifer Wendel & Tiffany Hatton

Summer vacation meant one thing, the beginning of the season. This year was a little different for the cheerleaders though. Instead of six girls on the j.v., and varsity squads, eight were chosen for each. Besides practice, the cheerleaders participated in many events this year. They, along with the lifters, attended a three day camp in June, learning many new stunts as well as dances, chants, and cheers. Soon after camp, the cheer team participated in their first competition of the year at Converse Fair. They placed second in the cheer division and won the "Cow Bell" Spirit Award for the first time ever. In August they attended the Pierceton Days Parade.

We Have Spirit

Yes We Do!!

They performed a dance and won first place in the miscellaneous category. With the start of the football season, the girls were ready to go. They also spent many games cheering in the rain. Soon after the season was over, the cheer team began preparing for the upcoming basketball season and, of course, Competition! They performed at Regionals and qualified for State. The team worked hard and did their best which made for a "clean routine" and fifth place at State! They continued to work hard through the basketball season performing and cheering at the games. Great Job Cheer Team for an awesome season!

(above) Performing their opening stunt at the Converse Fair Competition.

(left) Congratulations Cheer Team! Fifth Place at State Competition!

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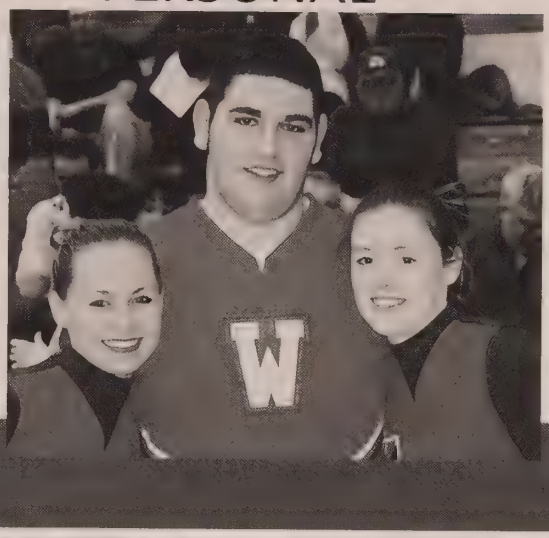


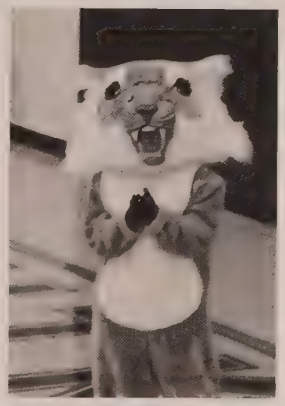
(left)
Seniors Jessica Ringle, Wes Renschler, and Jessica Cripe. "We had a great season this year. It was awesome being able to compete at State and win fifth place!"

Nobody does it like the Cheer Team!

(left)
Juniors Katie Menzie and Susan Stoddard.

(row 1) Diane Beets, Brie Francis, Cassie Graves, Kim Westerman.
(row 2) Tami Whitt, Katie Menzie, Donelda Rudd, Ashlyn Dilling, Lauren St. Clair, Chelsey Rowland.
(row 3) Jessica Cripe, Halie Allen, Caitlin Sautter, Jessica Ringle
Not Pictured: Susan Stoddard

(right)
Behind the "Wildcat" mask you'll find none other than Angie Herron. Great job this season. Thanks so much for all your hard work and dedication!

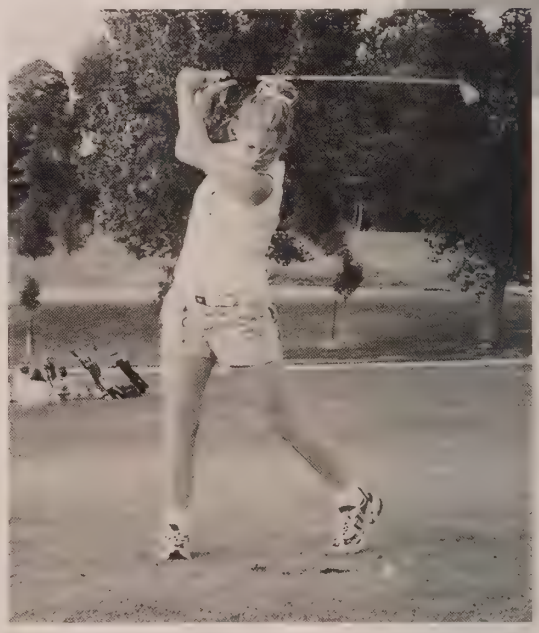


Layout: Jessica Ringle

Anyone can hit a golf ball, but to be the best takes skill. Skill is what the Whitko girl's golf team had. As shown in the photo, senior Miranda Krider uses her skill while teeing off. The team had a great season this year. In fact, Coach Carr said it was the best ever in her four years as head coach. With just three seniors and the rest being underclassmen, they played excellently. All their hard work and practice paid off towards the end of the season. The girls were named the first ever TRC girl's golf champs in Whitko High School history!!

From Worst to First!

Also, setting records for the school, three of the girls were individually named TRC champs. They were Stephanie Boggs with a score of 94, Jayanna Begley with a score of 95, and Ashley Schrader with a score of 99. This year's sectional was held at Rozella Ford Golf Course in Warsaw. Though they played hard and did their best, they weren't able to qualify. Congratulations girls on your wonderful season! We're proud of you! Best of luck next year!



(above) Cassie Graves concentrates hard on her shot.

(left) Jayanna Begley and Stephanie Boggs warm up their putting skills before the match.

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Seniors Josanne Begley, Miranda Krider, and Ashley Schrader.
"We had a lot of fun this year. It was a great season. We're happy to be TRC Champs!"

Nobody does it like the TRC Champs!

(left) Claudia Badskey
What a putt, Claudia!

(right) Junior Angie Herron concentrates on her "putt" warm-up before the match.

(row 1) Cassie Graves, Shelby Kreger, Kayla Hartman, Halie Allen, Coach Jennifer Carr, Caitlin Sautter, Jayanna Begley, Katie Strandland, Claudia Badskey.
(row 2) Miranda Krider, Stephanie Boggs, Josanne Begley, Angie Herron, Ashley Schrader.

Layout & Photos: Jessica Ringle

Drum Majors and Guard Captain Amy Ruckman, Jennifer Saldivar and Joey Shepherd

Band Director Jason Bennett

Whitko Marching Pride

The marching band this year earned a Division I rating at district and regional competitions, where their hours of practice and hard work paid off. District was held at Fort Wayne Northrop and regional was held at Carmel High School. The marching band went to four competitions during their season, and two ISSMA competitions where they performed Civil War Suite. The members showed their commitment by being at the high school at seven in the morning to practice and attending a band camp for two weeks at the high school in August. They also prepared for competitions during first period band and held practices at the high school on Saturday before competing.

Color Guard (row 1): Christina Nietro, Jennifer Saldivar and Tiffany Secor (row 2): Susanna Bunn, Stephanie Shafer, Jaclyn Brown and Kaitlin Greenfield

"Simply put, music can heal people."
-Sen. Harry Reid

Percussion
James Watson, Nathan Terriel
Michael Holler, Scott Keiser and Josh Lardino.

Trumpets (row 1): Turner England, Jessica Miles and Ben Reuter (row 2): Joey Shepherd, Matt Metzger and Amy Ruckman.

Low Brass
Wesley Williams, Johnny Amburgey, Patrick Bradley and Bud Ousley.

Saxand Trombone Emily Barnes, Jessica Protzman, Adam Haegert and Spencer Mize.

Clarinets and Flutes (row 1): Beth Keiser, Krystal Poe and Misty Hathaway. (row 2): Bron Greenfield, Kyle Wright and Tiffany Frush.

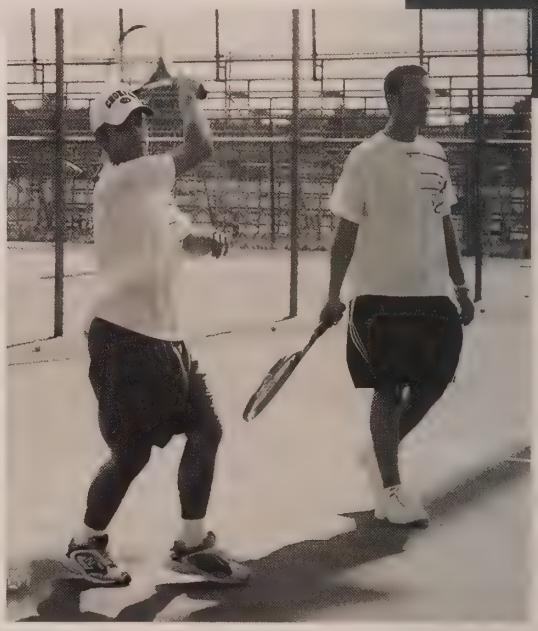
Sax and Melaphone
Katy Gensic, Joby Adams, Alexis Lepley and Ben Nault.

Layout: Kelly Wall and Melissa McDonald

Jeff Smith intensely concentrates as he strives to win his match. Along with concentration, consistancy was also a primary goal for the boy's tennis team this season. "They are a good team that is ony getting better," commented Coach Schuh. With a season record of 5-9, Coach Schuh would like to improve the team's confidence.

Back to the Basics

To improve each of the player's skill, Coach Schuh will be giving lessons during the summer. Also, team members may participate in summer leagues to prepare for next year's season. Their fourth place finish in TRC motivates the team to work harder and place higher next year.



(above) Ryne Winger and Nathaniel Carver practice for an important match.

(left) Tim Stoffel concentrates on his warm-ups before the match.

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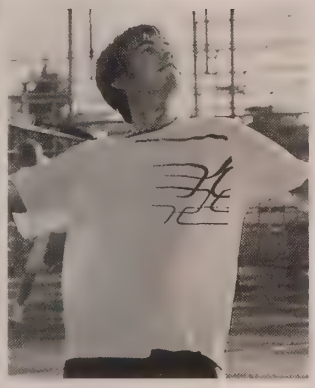
Brandon Schrader played number one doubles with Kory Mettler. His most exciting moment was when they placed second in the TRC by defeating Tippy Valley in a two and a half hour match.

Nobody does it like the varsity



(left, captain) Kory Mettler. "We had a great season, my senior year was more memorable because of the team."

(right,captain) Nathan Collier. "We had a memorable season due to the closeness of the team."

(row 1) John Daring, Jeff Smith, Joo-Yeol Lim, Kory Mettler, Ryne Winger, Brett King.
(row 2) Assistant Coach Jarred Jagger, Korey Flynn, Nathaniel Carver, Tim Stoffel, Nathan Collier, Brandon Schrader, Kameron Brown, Rachel Peters, manager.

Layout: Jessica Ringle, Jennifer Wendel

Everyone remembers the first big dance of the year. For the first time, freshmen get to experience an eventful night that upperclassmen have grown to love. Whether it's the dress shopping, date selecting, or fabulous dancing, there is something about Semi-formal that enlightens everyone's mood.

Forever Yours

This year's Semi-formal was held on December 14, with a record number of attendees. Students danced the night away to the sounds of "The Music Place." This year's theme was "Forever Yours," and the commons was beautifully transformed into an enchanting dance hall. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Semi-formal court. Jennifer Wendel and Russell Mynhier were queen and king, while Ashley Anderson and John Carroll were princess and prince. Even though many of the guys ducked into the office to catch the score of the IU/Purdue game, the night was one for all to remember.

(left): Seniors Tara Eberhart and Mallory Moyer show off their pearly whites. (above): Sheena Sharpe, Tami Whitt, and Halie Allen are all smiles on Semi-formal night.

(right): Noah Shephard and Jolene Reed.

All couples dance closely throughout the night.

Mindy Kessie and Korey Flinn.

Tim Music and Marie Boger

Matt Protzman and his date.

(left): King Russell Myhnier and Queen Jennifer Wendel celebrate their rein over Semi-formal. (above): John Carrol and Ashley Anderson dance together after being crowned Prince and Princess.

(right): Sometimes it is great being a wallflower.

Layout: Tara Eberhart and Jennifer Wendel

Ross Adang
Katie Addison
Halie Allen
Nathan Alspaugh
Heather Amburgey
Nathaniel Anderson
Jacklyn Arnett
Dustin Baker
Margaret Baldridge
Emily Barnes
Raymond Barton
Dawn Bayles
Diane Beets
Johnathon Bingley
Brent Boardman
Marie Boger
Melissa Bonebrake
Weston Bradley
Tristan Brubaker
Amanda Busz
Brock Byram
Keith Byram
John Carroll
Alice Caudill
Travis Christman
Timothy Clawson
Brandon Cloud
Terica Coe
Jerad Coleman
Michelle Collier
Leigh Dausman
Kelli DeBallie
Emily Dellinger
Daniel Dempsey
Leah Detwiler
Jarad Eberly
JoLenna Egner
Steven Elder
Ashlin Engelhaupt
Ethan England
Sondra Engle
Christopher Eppelmann
Kayla Espinoza
Todd Eviston
Joshua Eyer
Korey Flinn
Joshua Fox
Brieann Francis
Nicole Gardner
Kristin Garrard
Kevin Gensic
Katelynn Gerard
Jaclyn Glaze
Racheal Gonzales
Cassondra Graves
Amanda Green

Josh Green
Jordan Grissom
Tiffany Guffey
Destinee Hackworth
Adam Haegert
Kevin Hamilton
Heath Harman
Christina Harness
Robby Harris
Shari Harrison
Nathan Hart
Ashley Hobbs
James Hurd
Abby Iddles
Jeremy Jefferson
Kristin Jeffrey
Rebecca Jersey
Stephanie Jones
Angela Juricak
Andrew Kane
Melinda Kessie
James Krider
Jake Landrigan
Kathryn Langohr
Chris Larson
Valerie Lozano
Samantha Lung
Carey Maggert
Stacey Manning
Melissa McDonald
Sarah Metzger
Cheryl Milburn
Ashly Miller
Jinniffer Miller
Leanne Miller
Logan Miller
Clay Mishler
Spencer Mize
Danielle Murphy
Timothy Music
Chad Myers
Joseph Mynhier
Maria Nichols
Amanda Nicodemus
Sarah Oberg
Marco Olivarez
Rachel Peters
Angela Phillips
Anita Picco
Stefanie Prater
Brock Puckett
Scot Puckett
Cara Ramey
Benjamin Reuter
Stephanie Rhoades
Garold Robinson

Chelsey Rowland
Daniel Rupley
Jared Sainer
Melinda Salmons
Caitlin Sautter
Erich Schlicht
Tiffany Secor
Charles Shroyer
Nicholas Simison
Steven Sklenar
Bradley Slone
Holly Smith
Corey Spangle
Lauren St Clair
Brandon Stewart
Joseph Stoffel
Amanda Strang
Thomas Stuth
Matthew Tracy
Amanda Treesh
Blake Truman
Kelly Wall
Erik Watters
Aaron Wendel
Nathan Werstler
Kimberly Westerman
Jeremy Whitaker
Tami Whitt
Tyler Wilkinson
Wesley Williams
Ronald Wilson
Leah Winger
Ryne Winger
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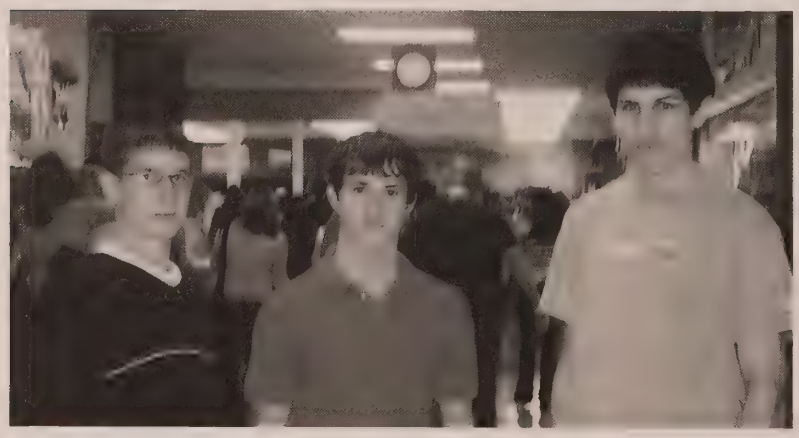

Climbing Our Way To the Top

The varsity basketball team has been wating for this year and their time to shine. This year's seniors and captains Marc Walter, Brad Walpole, Alex Frantz, and John Woods, also known as "The Fab Four" seemed unstoppable throughout the season. Pulling together for some awesome victories and some tough losses, this year's team has been on fire!

(right) The "Fab Four" made up of John Woods, Marc Walter, Alex Frantz, and Brad Walpole put their heads together to pull off a victory against Bishop Dwenger.

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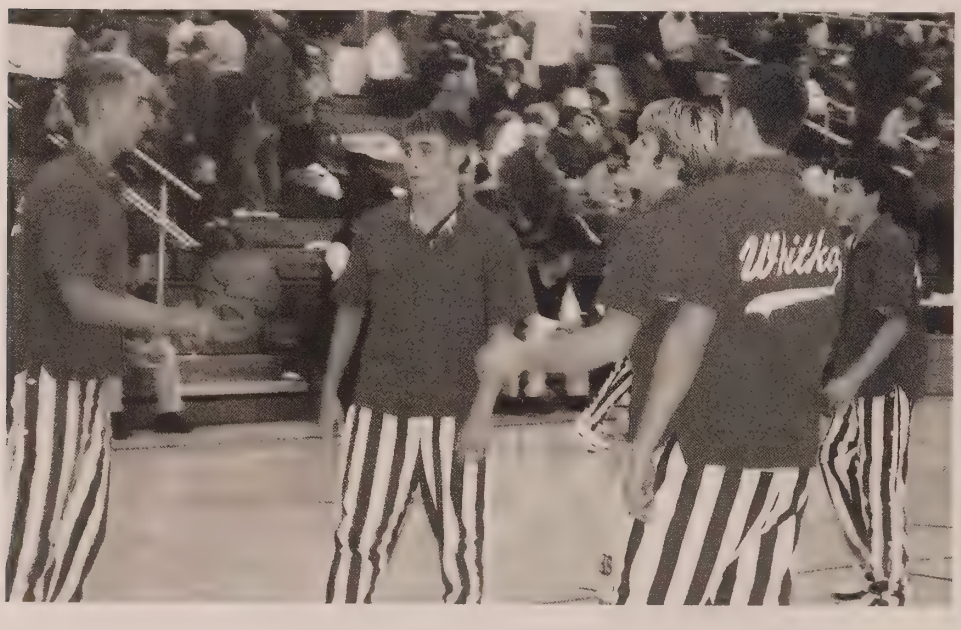
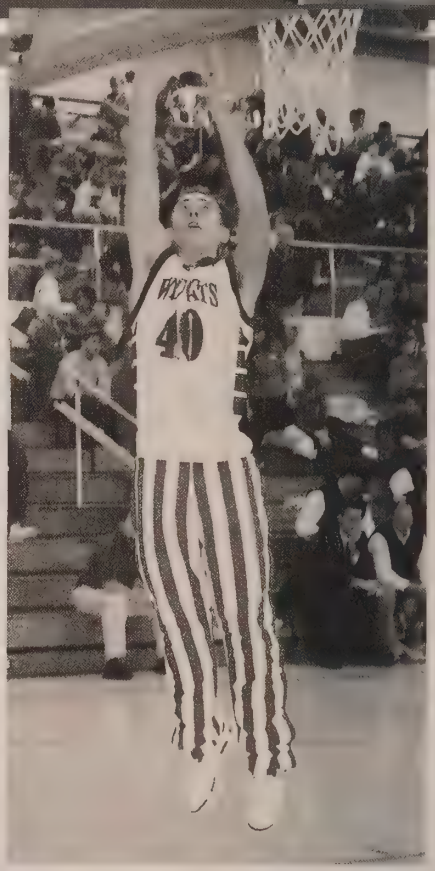
teamwork equals success



The varsity team works on ball handeling before their first conference game. The boys beat Northfield with a score of 67-62, pulling off an impressive victory against a strong Northfield team.



(above) Alex Frantz uses his height as an advantage to make a lay-up during warm-ups before the first conference game against Northfield.

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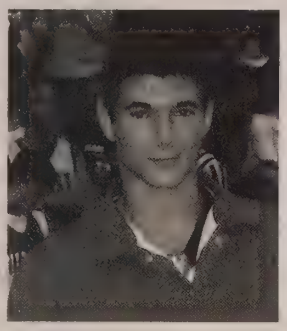
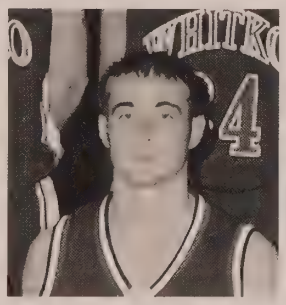
(left) Dan Calhoun, Drew Lopshire, and Brett Lukens, dressed in their famous Whitko jerseys, never failed to save themselves a front row seat at almost every game.

Nobody does it like the varsity



(left)"The team really pulled together for some exciting victories this year. I just can't believe it's all over."
–Marc Walter



(right) "It has been a really good season. It is just sad to think about this as my last year playing."
-Brad Walpole

(row 1) Aaron Wendel, Brad Walpole, Marc Walter, Kevin Feldman, and Jeremy Coble, (row 2) Derrick Day, Jason Woods, Justin Hobbs, Alex Frantz, and John Woods

Layout and Photos: Erin Whitt and Tiffany Hatton

With a new coaching staff and only three returning varsity players, the Lady Cats knew this year would be tough. New coaches for this year were Head Coach Ryan Cunningham, JV Coach Ryan Gould, and Assistant Coaches Janna Grousse, Kristy MIller, and Dusty Cuttriss. The team had two themes for the year: "Relentless" and "Hold the Rope." Going out each game, playing as hard as they could and never quitting was the idea behind the "Relentless" theme.

Hold the Rope

As for "Holding the Rope," that was the inspiration for the team given to them from Coach Cunningham. He told them that he was at the top holding onto the rope and trying to pull them to the top. That is what happend. Going into the first round of sectionals with a 2-18 record, the Lady Cats faced Kankakee Valley and their 6'6" center. Even though the Lady Cats were not favored to win, they fought hard and came out on top. Despite being defeated by Tippy Valley in the second round, the Lady Cats knew the season was a success because of what they had accomplished. It was a great start to the rebuilding of the Lady Wildcat Basketball Program.

(above) Kristy Jeffrey and Josanne Begely prepare to block out as the free-throw is shot.

(left) Jana Rowland, Jennifer Wendel, and Dana Sellers await to be announced for the starting line up.

(left) The team huddles in the middle of the court before playing their county rival Columbia City.

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Team captains Jennifer Wendel and Josanne Begley both agree that this was the best year for their senior year. Josanne says she will always remember their red shoes. Jennifer says she will never forget the first sectional victory over Kankakee and their 6'6" center.

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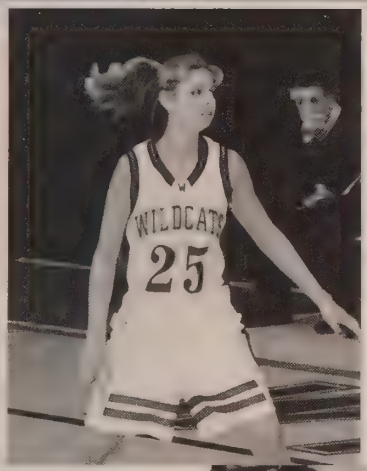


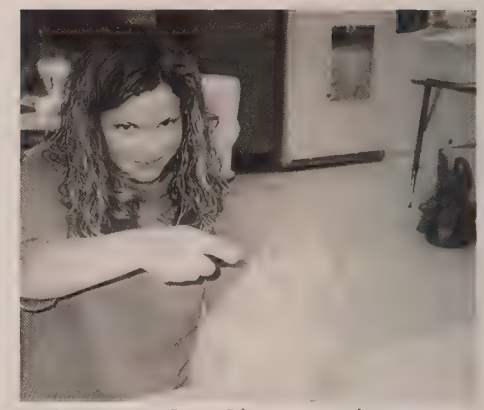
(left) Jolene Reed watches for the opponents to drive the lane.

(above) The girls gather for their traditional pre-game meal.

(right) Pumped for their first sectional win, the girls huddle up before taking the court.

Layout: Jennifer Wendel and Tiffany Hatton

On Halloween, Mrs. Dial started her annual making of Gingerbread Houses in home economics classes. Twenty-nine entries were accepted in the annual Gingerbread House contest at the Fort Wayne Historical Museum. Three weeks later, after much hard work, the finished products were placed in the commons during lunch on the week of November 21, for all to see. Students had the opportunity to vote for their favorite.



Lauren St. Clair works on smoothing out the edges of one of her walls.

Building In Style

Later that day the votes were in. Taking first place was Katie Langohr and Kristin Garrard. Melissa Bonebreak and Maria Nichols won second place. Third place was a tie between Christine and Diane Beets and Kelly Wall and Steven Elder. That evening,

Mrs. Dial took the entries to the Fort Wayne Historical Museum for judging. Winning first place in the actual contest was Sheena Sharpe and Alyssa Carlin. Brad Slone and LeAnne Miller took second place, with Stephanie Jones and Tiffany Walker taking third. Making gingerbread houses has become a tradition at Whitko.

Ron Wilson carefully works on the windows of his house.

(left) Mrs. Dial helps as Christine and Diane Beets glue their walls together.

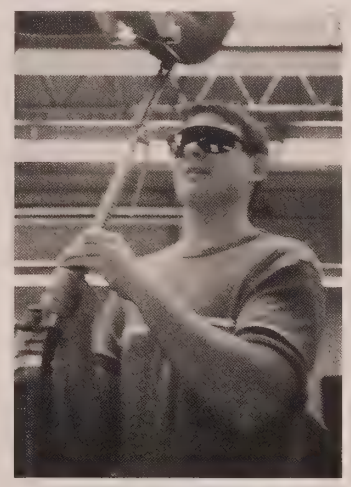
(right) One of our foreign exchange students, Elmir Yengulatov builds his house in Egyptian style.

Mr. Ocken's third period welding class lent a helping hand to the new fire station by building two chair holders that retail for $400 each. The chair holders were made from old tables and chairs supplied by the school and held up to 96 chairs each. Tim Jackson, Adam Pettigrew, Matt Keplinger, and Mr. Ocken worked hard during third period to complete the project. When all was done the process had taken about two weeks to finish.

Ryan Yates, Tim Jackson, and Matt Keplinger take a break from the project.

Helping The Community

Fire Chief Joe Jackson says, "They did an excellent job." Juniors Matt Keplinger and Ryan Yates said, "It was a fun, exciting learning experience." "Its nice to have students willing to use their knowledge for the betterment of the community," Mr. Ocken said with a grin. Eric Sellers commented, "Getting to use the plasma torch was a blast!"

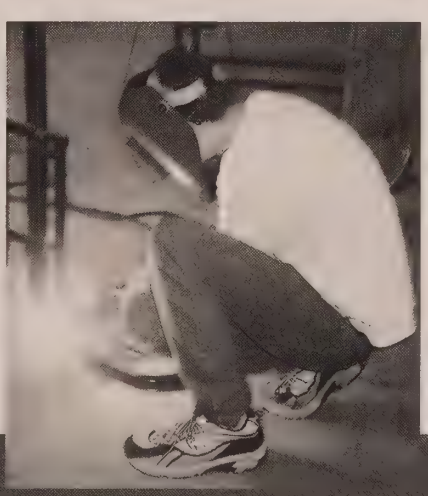


Eric Sellers carefully uses the plasma torch to weld the parts.

Fire Chief Joe Jackson.

(left) Tim Jackson is working hard.

(right) Behind the helmet-- Adam Pettigrew is welding away.



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Concert Choir and Gospel Choir have worked hard to achieve excellence throughout the year. Christina Watson, a senior member of Concert Choir feels that the choir got off to a slow start, but then began working very hard. Choir members proclaim that they really did put great effort into their singing.

Many Voices

Singing as One

Concert Choir had three concerts: Fall, Winter, and The Cabin Fever Concert. Several students participated with good results in the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest, and Senior Vanessa Staller advanced to state.

Thirty churches and community functions had the honor of hosting the Gospel Choir throughout the year. The group also sang in four school concerts. At the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest, the Gospel Choir missed a first place rating by only two points. Soloists Jennifer Saldivar and Shea Duggins advanced to state.

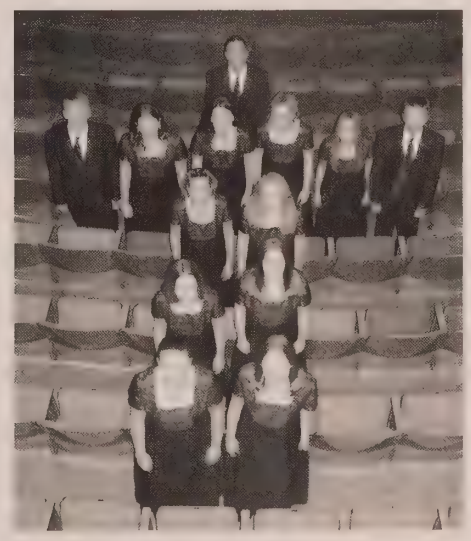
"The group did an outstanding job this year," says Mrs. Hinthorn. Many experiences and memories in Choir made the time at Whitko especially memorable for many students.

(row 1) Michelle Collier, Kassie Bays, Andrea Socha, Jenna Roman, Jennifer Saldivar, Jody Studebaker, Shea Duggins, and director Dawn Hinthorn. (row 2) Kristine Rotach, Wesley Williams , Amanda Strang, Chase Hand, Melinda Marshall, Korey Flinn.

(left and above) Several Concert Choir students get together for snapshots. Their efforts this year brought excellent results.

Gospel Choir members show off their t-shirts. They sang in many churches throughout the year and did an outstanding job.

"It's wonderful to see so many teens on fire for Christ," Jennifer Saldivar says about her years in Gospel Choir.



(row 1) Melissa Gruwell, Misty Burdeau, Suzanna Bunn, Kasey Ousley, Ashley Brubaker, Christina Watson, Kayla Green, Jessica Sexton, Shelly Clemons. (row 2) Ty Arnold, Jamie Watkins, Ashley Bryant, Melissa Young, Amber Stewart, Vanessa Staller, Megan Manning, Choir Director Dawn Hinthorn. (row 3) Alice Caudill, Brianna Bumbaugh, Ashley Antique, Anita Picco, Melinda Kessie, Kyla Castle, Staci Skiles, Trista Mathias, Jill Mulligan, Jody Klinger. (row 4) Janice Rogers, Tiffany Secor, Reva Patrick, Bryanna Conley, Kayla Espinoza, Ashley Miller, Marissa Mudrack, Alisha Hurd, Rebecca Jersey, (row 5) Victoria Eldridge, Cortnee Lancaster, Jinniffer Miller, Holly Smith, Kim Westerman, JoLenna Egner, Mallory Shepherd, Joni Egner, Tiffany Guffey , Isaac Greenfield. (row 6) Amanda Bays, Danielle Spillers, Amanda Fountain, Jocelyn Troutner, Melinda Marshall, Tiffany Puckett, Ashley Miller, Amber Miller.

Aaron Ables
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Brittney Allender
Johney Amburgy
Victoria Anderson
Darrel Angier
Claudia Badskey
Clarence (CJ) Baker
Jeffery Baker
Emily Bauman
Cassi Bause
Amanda Bays
Jayanna Begley
Jonathan Bergman
Kyle Boggs
Jeff Borton
Randy Bouse
Phillip Jerry Bowers
Esther Brenneman
Jacqueline Brown
Brianna Bumbaugh
John Calhoun
Mary Cartwright
Heather Chalk
James Cloud
Jeffery Coats
Stefani Coble
Colvin Cone
Skyler Cone
Bryanna Conley
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Cole Crewse
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Christie Hansen

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Amanda Hurd
Trenton Hyser
Ryan Jarrell
Richelle Jefferson
Ryan Johnson
Scott Jones
Karie Juillerat
Ashley Kennedy
Jennifer Keplinger
Andrew Kessie
Kaitlin Kessie
Bradly Kincaid
Brett King
Josiah King
Elizabeth Kiser
Dane Knote
McAaron Kraft
Shelby Kreger
Justin Kurtz
Ashley Lancaster
Cortnee Lancaster
Brian Lardino
Alexis Lepley
Joshua Licata
Courtney Maggert
Melinda Marshall
Derrik Mast
Anthony McKenzie
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Jessica Miles
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Serena Miner
Jenna Mishler
Christopher Moore
Jessica Moore
Marissa Mudrack
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Ashley Newswanger
Christina Nieto
Micheal O'Dea
Clayton Omelian
Ronald Ousley
Josephine Patino
Reva Patrick
Ryan Poage
Alex Poe
Jessica Protzman

Tiffany Puckett
S. Tony Reed
Jeffrey Reiff
Bruce Junior Reinhart
Richard Reynolds
Katie Richardson
Kelly Ritchie
Matthew Robertson
Andrew Robinson
Eric Rodriguez
Janice Rogers
Jenna Roman
John Ronk
Cody Salmons
Sara Shafer
Stephanie Shafer
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Mallory Shepherd
Cari Sherbahn
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Katie Strandlund
Rebecca Sullivan
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William Swihart
Nathan Terrel
Joshua Thompson
Tara Thompson
Jocelyn Troutner
Katie Trump
Kassie Vanderford
Hannah VanHoozen
Camron Walter
Pamela Warner
Joshua Watkins
James Watson
Brooke Weber
Mitchell Westness

Cassie Woodcox
Andrew Woodruff
Anthony Yagel
Jenna Yeager
Monica Young

Camera Shy
Janelle Hall
Shane Lucas
Christopher Mullins
Hannah Rogers
Nicol Sexton
Justin Kranzman

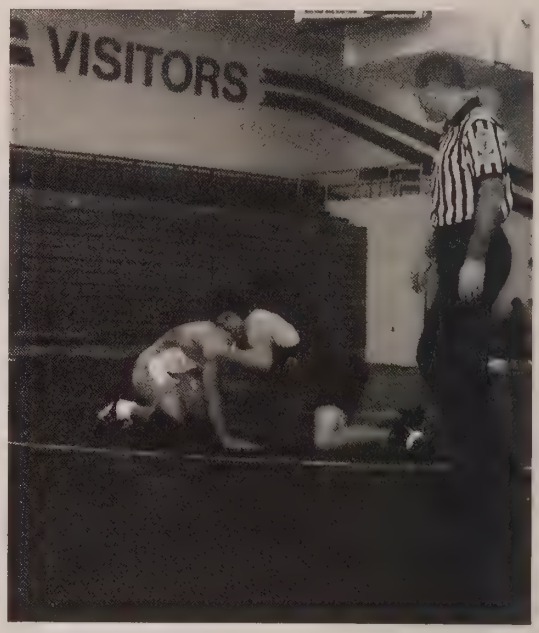
Entering Uncharted Territory!

Whitko wrestlers are a group of special and gifted young men. These boys are dedicated! We've all seen them running through the halls; it seems like their conditioning is never done! All of this hard work to make weight is well worth it to the team. Led by very talented senior players the team got off to a strong start.

Wrestling

Pinnin' Cats

With a great amount of pride and determination the Whitko wrestlers had the best season they've had in quite a while. The successful matches leading up to TRC made it very possible for the men to take the victory. Sure enough the team walked away champions! Clay Omelian and Eric Camden both advanced to Regionals. We are very proud of our wrestlers and congratulate them on their impressive season.



(above) Dustin Boardman fights to take the victory.
(left) Followed by their TRC win at Rochester, the team took a quick picture.

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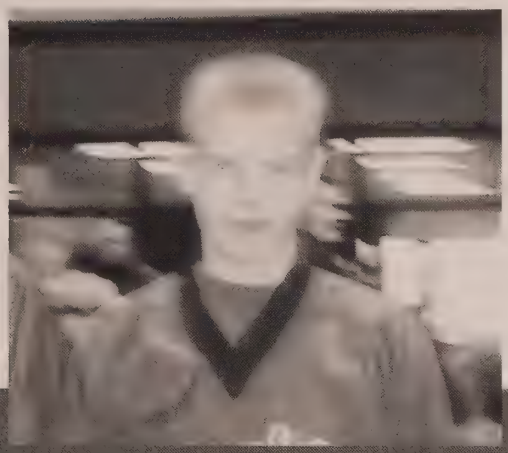
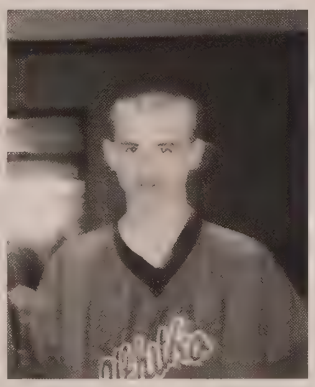


(left) Brent Boardman overcame some tough obstacles this year, thus helping end his season with great triumph. His potential will make the team stronger in the years to come.

(above) Nate Anderson just about has the win over a tough South Bend St. Joseph's wrestler.

Nobody does it like the varsity

(left) Eric Camden. "Can't wait to be a senior so I can lead our team to another TRC title."



(right) "Glad I have three more years to make weight." Clay Omelian states.

(row 1) Brianna Bumbaugh, Brett King, Brad Slone, Robbie Harris, Derrick Mast, Brent Boardman, Clay Omelian, John Daring, Katie Langohr. (row 2) Rebecca Jersey, Brittany Allendar, Kyle Hobbs, Kyle oggs, Brian Smith, Tyler Wilkinson, Ryan Poage, Nick Heinold, Brian Lardino, Josh Thompson, Cassie Bause. (row 3) Coach Wright, Nate Anderson, Travis Pherigo, Matt Delonge, Steven Elder, Brian Frush, Robert LaFollette, Ross Adang, Coach Koontz.

Layout: Donelda Rudd and Sheena Sharpe

Faculty and Staff

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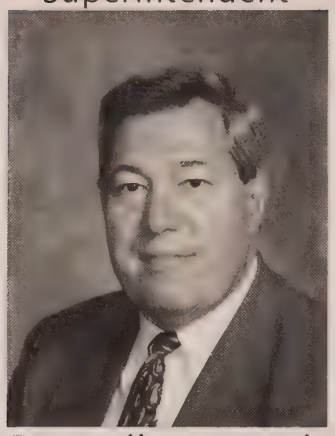

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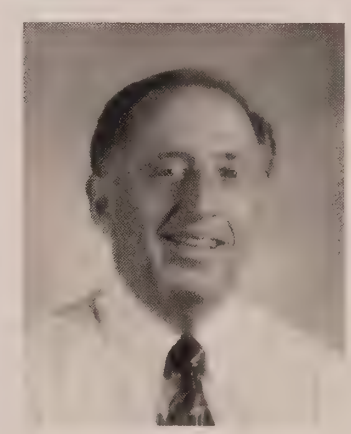

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Ray Davis

Diane Dial

Don Dyck

Fred Fields

David Forsberg

Cathy Gilbert

Kevin Grant

Nancy Grisson

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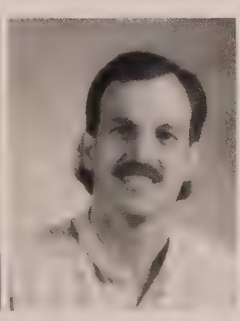
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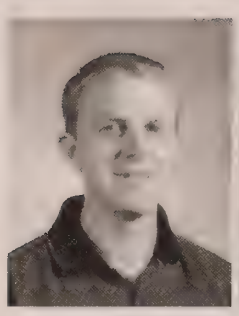
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Joann Snyder

Terri Socha

Bryan Sprunger

John Strayer

Wayne Swender

Sussie Trixler

Kara Tucker

Bonni Twait

Lu Ann Warner

Patty Weybright

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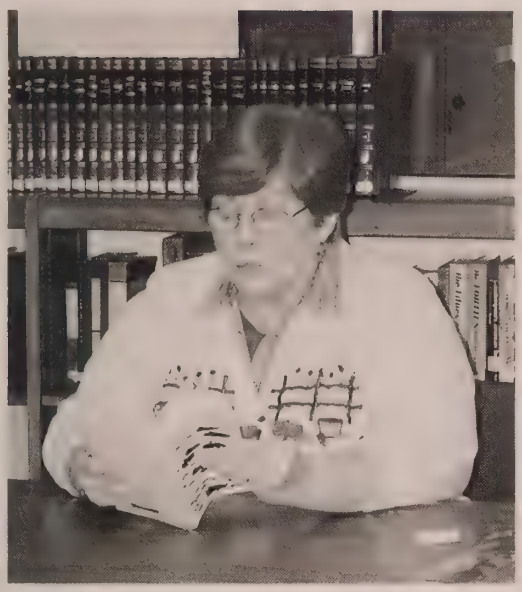
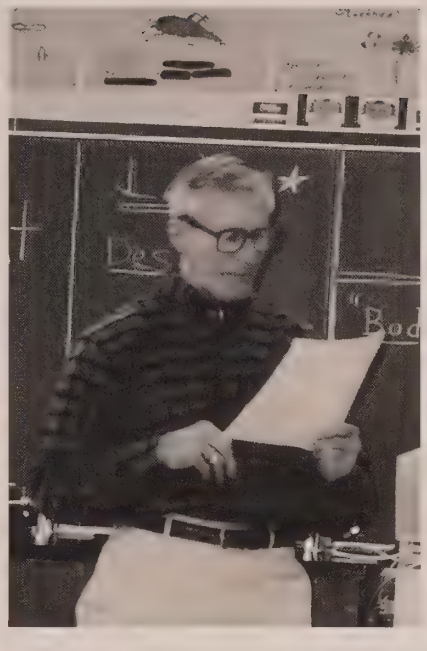
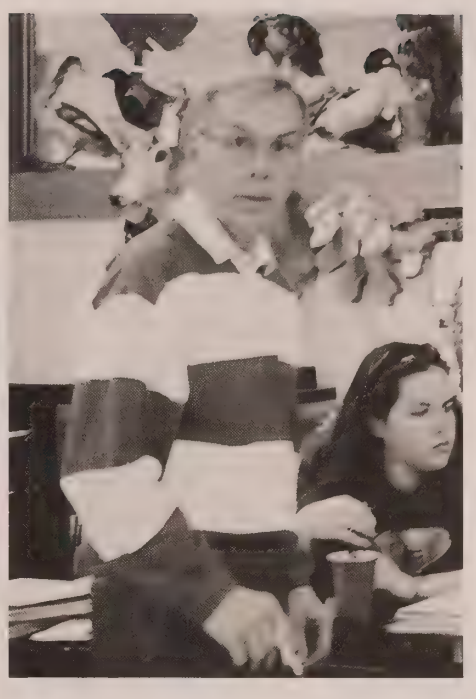
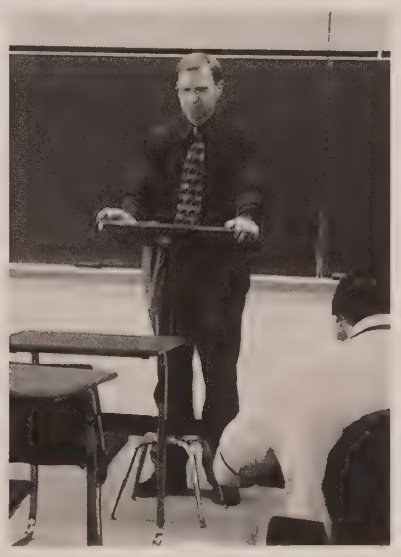






"Learning for Life"

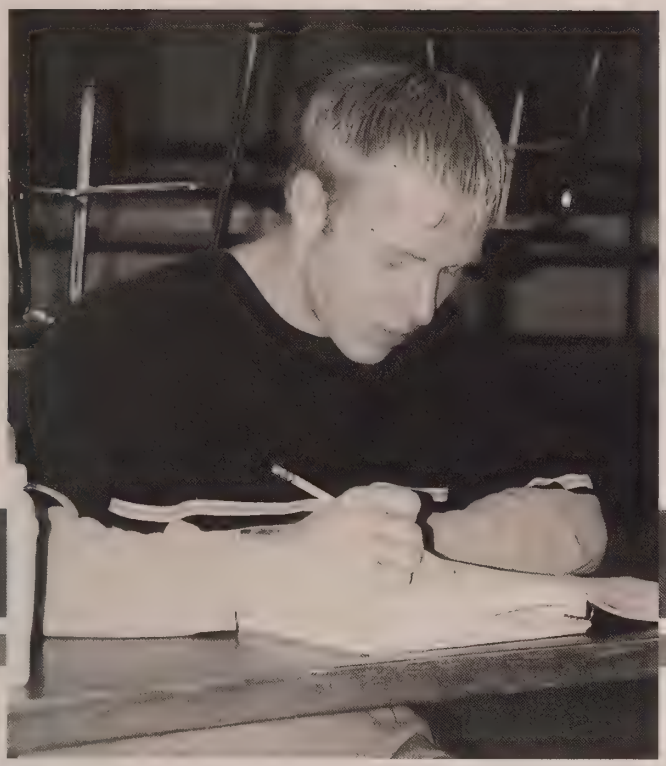
Teachers help us to meet our challenges and look to our future.

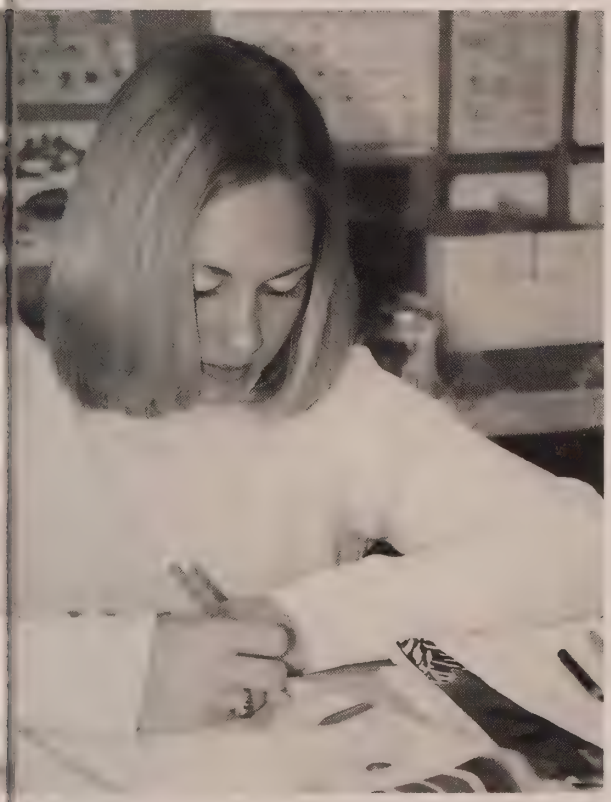


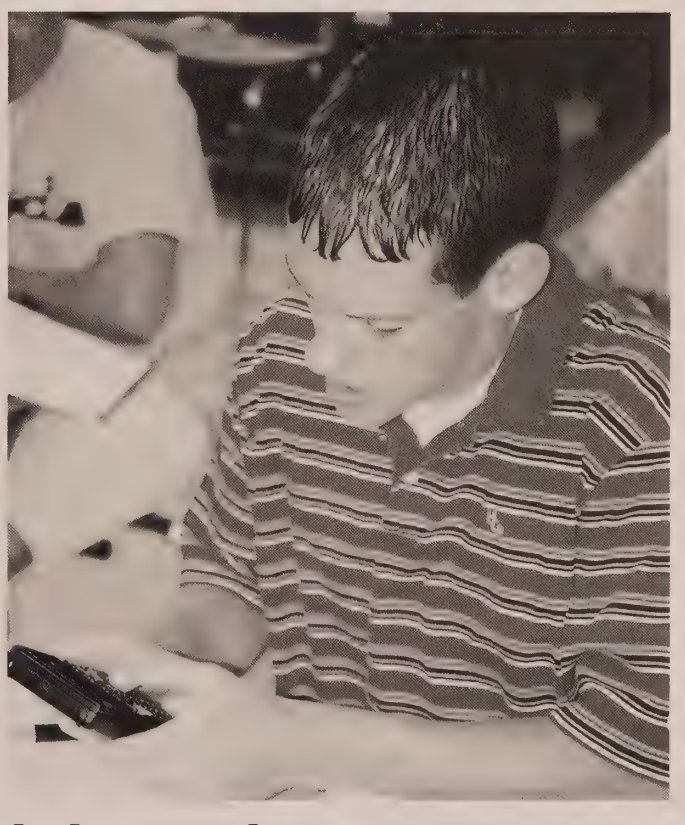
As we enter our last year of high school, we find that the work doesn't end. From classes to college applications, we keep focused.

NOBODY ...

Staying focused







does it like the seniors!

Layout and Photos: Brooke Workman

When people are asked with whom they would want to be stranded on an island, they usually pick their dream guy or gal. But, when students were asked what teacher they would like to be stranded with, they expressed a different view on the subject. They focused more on survival and friendships.

Senior Misty Burdeau chose Mr. Sprunger because he is easy to get along with and is funny. Senior Robert Zeisig chose Mr. Malicki because he is cool and fun to talk to. Junior Donelda Rudd chose Mr. Forsberg

Misty Burdeau

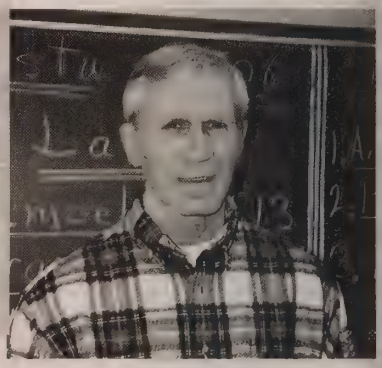
Mr. Sprunger

If you were stranded on an island

What teacher would you pick?

because he is very wise and she feels that they would survive due to his knowelege. Junior Marcus Coyle chose Mr. Hunt because his knowelege would keep them alive. Sophmore Holly Smith chose Mr. Fields because he makes her laugh: he explains things well; and he is easy to learn from. Sophmore Steven Elder chose Mr. Swender because he is healthy, and he would know what to do. Freshmen Victoria Anderson chose Mrs. Sheperd because she is cool, and she helps her out with her homework. Freshmen Ren Rose chose Mr. Davis because he is a health teacher, and he would know how to survive. All the students chose different teachers for various reasons but survival seemed to be their main foccus.

Donelda Rudd



Mr. Forsberg

Steven Elder

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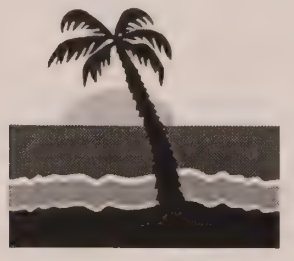
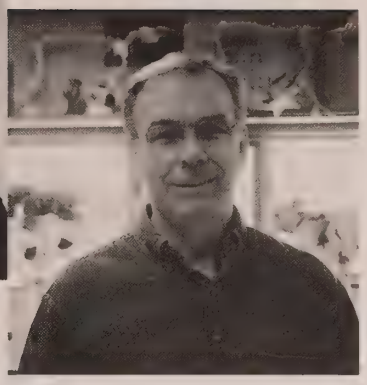


Robert Zeisig

Mr. Malicki

Marcus Colye



Mr. Hunt

Holly Smith

Mr. Fields

Ren Rose

Mr. Davis

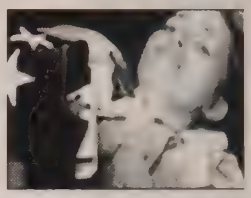
Victoria Anderson

Mrs. Shepherd

Layout: Danielle Burnworth

P.O.W Rescued

Jessica Lynch joined the army with the dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher. The military would pay for her college education. With the recent war in Iraq, her dream was put on hold. Lynch's supply unit took a wrong turn into Nasiriyah and were ambushed. She was listed as missing in action. An Iraqi slipped a note to a local hospital saying, "She's alive," and gave her room number. Another Iraqi reported to a Marine battalion and stated, "There's an American soldier being held. She's being tortured. She's at the hospital. Make sure the authorities know." With a daring, death-defying rescue, authorities safely brought Jessica out alive.



Our World Around Us

Events We'll Never Forget

Mr. Doug Patrick of Whitko Middle School was activated in March 2003 for the Iraqi war. He spent a day before his departure with former students at the high school during lunches .

Impact of War at Home

The suicide attacks on September 11, 2001, sent the U.S. into a war it had not anticipated. President Bush has linked Iraq to his global anti-terrorism campaign. "The dying regime in Iraq may try to bring terror to our shores," President Bush stated in his speech to Coast Guard personnel in Philadelphia. Beginning on March 20, 2003, the U.S. took action against the forces of Iraq and began to bomb strategic sights. The war may be on the other side of the world from us, but the impact is still hitting home hard. Despite our small size, many enlisted citizens have been called into active duty from our communities. Multiple Whitko graduates have been sent overseas to fight for the freedom of the Iraqi people. Prayers of a safe return are sent with the soldiers as they travel away from home to protect the nation.

Elizabeth Smart Returns Home

Elizabeth (middle) was returned to her mother, Lois (left) and her father, Ed (right).

A fourteen-year-old girl, Elizabeth Smart was kidnapped at gun point from her home in Salt Lake City, Utah. On June 5, 2002, a man entered the room of Elizabeth and her nine-year-old sister, Mary Catherine Smart. Mary was the only witness to the kidnapping.

After nine months of intensive investigation, Elizabeth was found in a suburb near her own home on a Wednesday afternoon. Elizabeth was returned to her family almost immediately. When Elizabeth was returned, the street had been covered in baby blue ribbons and balloons, her favorite color. Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee were arrested as the kidnappers. They both were charged with several felonies for their actions.

Washington DC-Maryland Snipers

Malvo (left) and Muhammed (right) were accused as the DC Snipers.

Terror was struck in the hearts of all Americans for the first three weeks of October 2002. On October 2, 2002, the quiet of the evening was shattered by the ringing of a gunshot. The nation was gripped with fear until October 24, 2002, when John Allen Muhammed (Williams) and John Lee Malvo were arrested. Muhammed, 41, is a father of four from his two marriages. Muhammed had served the United States in the Persian Gulf War and was considered an expert marksman. Malvo, a Jamaican citizen, was only 17 years-old. Combined Malvo and Muhammed killed ten people at random and wounded three. A Bushmaster .223 caliber rifle was used in 11 of the 14 shots fired. They were sentenced in Baltimore Federal Court on October 31. They were charged with six counts of murder in the first degree.

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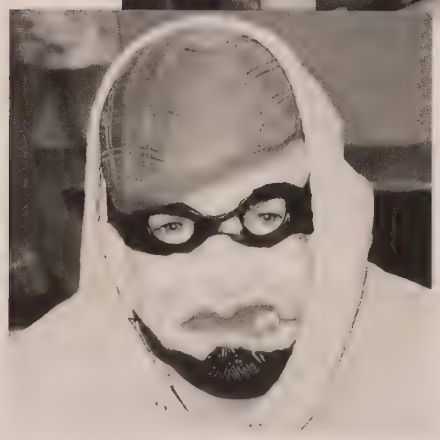
Clubs

Students In Action



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Frontline

(row 1) Christina Watson, Ryan Roberts, Amy Ruckman, Beth Hockemeyer, Russell Mynhier, Alyssa Carlin, Stephen Whitaker, Stephanie Haines. (row 2) Julie Michel, Josanne Begley, Kyla Castle, Lisa Wilkinson, Katie Menzie, Sara Kessie, Carl Engle, Jeremiah Geiger, Matt Metzger, Michael Holler. (row 3) Hannah Brenneman, Stacy Socha, Nic Sprunger, Wes Renschler, Emily Crist, Holly Slater, Drew Lopshire, Jessica Hyser, Angie Herron, and Paul Dausman.

National Honor Society

(row 1) Nick Smith, Nic Sprunger, Chelsey Grant, Josanne Begley, Jennifer Saldivar. (row 2) Christina Watson, Wes Renschler, Ashlyn Dilling, Lisa Wilkinson, Holly Slater, Emily Crist, Katie Menzie, Sara Kessie, Ashlee Westrick, Drew Lopshire. (row 3) Misty Hathaway, Jill Mulligan, Alyssa Carlin, Matt Metzger, Michael Holler, Erin Whitt, Kevin Feldman, Stephen Whitaker, Cristine Beets, Tiffany Hatton. (row 4) Sponsor Kathy Longenbaugh, Kody Hand, Julie Michel, Kyla Castle, Ashley Schrader, Miranda Krider, Rebecca Morford, Eric Camden. (row 5) Vanessa Staller, Jessica Cripe, Angie Herron, and Stephanie Haines.

FCCLA

(row 1) Sarah Simpson, Tiffany Frush, Ronald Ousley, Jennifer Saldivar, Chelsey Grant, Stephanie Haines, Tara Eberhart, Erin Whitt, Dan Vanderwalle, Tim Stoffel, Kip Kilbourne, Amy Ruckman, Brandon Schrader. (row 2) Sponsor Julie Percy, Melissa Young, Vanessa Staller,Tiffany Hatton, Jennifer Wendel, Wes Renschler, Kevin Feldman, Dustin Boardman, Dane Bause, Dan Calhoun, Sponsor Diane Dial. (row 3) Tami Whitt, Shea Duggins, Katie Menzie, Jill Mulligan, Jody Klinger, Kyla Castle, Ashlee Westrick, Stephen Whitaker, Ashley Schrader, Miranda Krider, Adam Porter, Nathaniel Carver. (row 4) Heather Amburgey, Stephanie Prater, Hillary Lacy, Stephanie Boggs, Charissa Wagner, Rachel Hall, Russell Mynhier, Sheena Sharpe, Shana Henderson, Ross Adang, Matt Protzman, Alyssa Carlin, Brett Lukens. (row 5) Caitlin Sautter, Donelda Rudd, Casandra Graves, Susan Stoddard, Matt Licata, Michael Holler, Kendra Craycraft, Elizabeth Woodruff, Halie Allen, Katie Richardson, Bronwen Greenfield, Misty Hathaway. (row 6) Stephani Coble, Reba Patrick, Ahley Lanchaster, Serena Miner, McKenzie Swihart, Brooke Weber, Chelsey Slater, Jacqueline Brown, Elizabeth Kiser, Kristy Jeffery, and Amanda Busz.

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Become a leader....

Serve Your School

FCA

(row 1:) Charissa Wagner, Sara Kessie, Lisa Wilkinson, Holly Slater, Katie Menzie, Beth Hockemeyer, Tiffany Hatton, Jennifer Wendel. (row 2:) Chelsey Grant, Jessica Cripe, Ashlee Westrick, Stephanie Haines, Tara Eberhart, Erin Whitt.

Student Council

(row 1:) Drew Lopshire, Stephanie Haines, Emily Crist, Tiffany Hatton, Sponsor Cheryl Hoffman. (row 2:) Wes Renschler, Michael Holler, Stacy Socha, Alyssa Carlin, Dane Bause, Nic Sprunger. (row 3:) Katie Trump, Heather Amburgy, Melissa Bonebrake, Sarah Oberg, Ben Nault, Brett King. row 4: Brad Smith, Matt Metzger, Britney Smith, Katie Strandlund.

Senior Class Officers

(row 1:) Treasurer-Erin Whitt, Secretary-Vanessa Staller. (row 2:) Vice President-Russell Mynhier, President-Nic Sprunger.

Freshman Class Officers

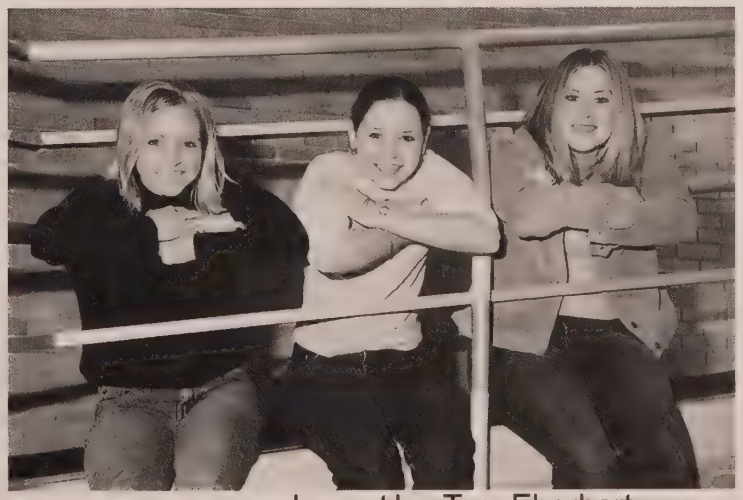
Secretary-Chelsey Slater, Treasurer-McKenzie Swihart, President-Phillip Bowers.

Sophomore Class Officers

Treasurer/Secretary-Lauren St. Clair, President-Leanne Miller, Vice President-Stephanie Rhoades.

Junior Class Officers

Vice President-Sara Kessie, President-Katie Menzie, Secretary-Kendra Craycraft.



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Reach Out....

Give Your Time

Academic Team

(row 1:) Sophi Machablishvil, Staci Skiles, Nic Smith, Jessica Cripe, Amy Ruckman, Katie Menzie, Sponsor Carolyn Buckmaster. (row 2:) Kevin Gensic, Michael Holler, Lauren St. Clair, Shea Duggins, Patrick Bradley, Matt Metzger, Josh Cripe, Marie Boger. (row 3:) Alicia Burleson, Ben Reuter, Misty Hathaway, Spenser Mize, Ashyln Englehaupt, Ben Nault, Krystal Poe.

H.A.N.D.S

Matt Metzger, Amanda Nicodemus, Jeff Sprunger, Josanne Begley

KYLA

Lisa Wilkinson, Emily Crist, Holly Slater, Katie Menzie, Sara Kessie

Ventures

(row 1:) Sarah Simpson, Trisha Penn, Jessica Hyser, Ashley Anderson. (row 2:) Crystal Pratt, Kassie Bays, Trista Mathias, Carl Engle, Denise Poe.

Peer Tutoring

(row 1:) Rachael Davis, Christina Watson, Dustin Boardman, Ashlee Westrick, Christine Beets, Jennifer Saldivar, Amy Ruckman, Tiffany Hatton, Stephanie Haines, Marc Walter, Sponsor Mrs. Datzman. (row 2:) Rebecca Morford, Brandy Bayles, Wes Renschler, Charissa Wagner, Stephanie Boggs, Erin Whitt, Jennifer Wendel, Beth Hockemeyer, Danielle Kreger, Tasia Boggs. (row 3:) Denise Poe, Stephanie Jones, Katy Langohr, Alyssa Carlin, Stephen Whitaker, Russell Mynhier, Katy Gerard, Chelsey Grant, Matt Protzman, Kory Mettler. (row 4:) Ryne Winger, Ryan Roberts, Joby Adams, Sarah Oberg, Megan Manning, Jody Klinger, Jamie Watkins, Christina Watson, Trista Mathias.

Campus Life

(row 1:) Kasey Ousley, Mike Estep, Britta Denker, Shea Duggins, Megan Manning, Sophi Machablishvil, Jill Mulligan, Alyssa Carlin, Russell Mynhier, Stephen Whitaker, Rachael Peters, Jared Frantz. (row 2:) Matt Robertson, Bruce Reinhart, Turner England, Katie Menzie, Sara Kessie, Cari Warner, Melissa Young, Jody Klinger, Bud Ousley, Philip Peters. (row 3:) Elizabeth Myers, Danielle Kreger, Kevin Gensic, Joo-Yau Lim, Ron Wilson, Nicole Gardner, Kristen Gerrard, Jaron Freel, John Ronk. (row 4:) Andrea Socha, Betsy Shelby, Travis Christman, Carl Engle, Blake Truman, Matt Metzger, Kendra Craycraft, Elizabeth Woodruff, Matt Licata, Patrick Bradley.

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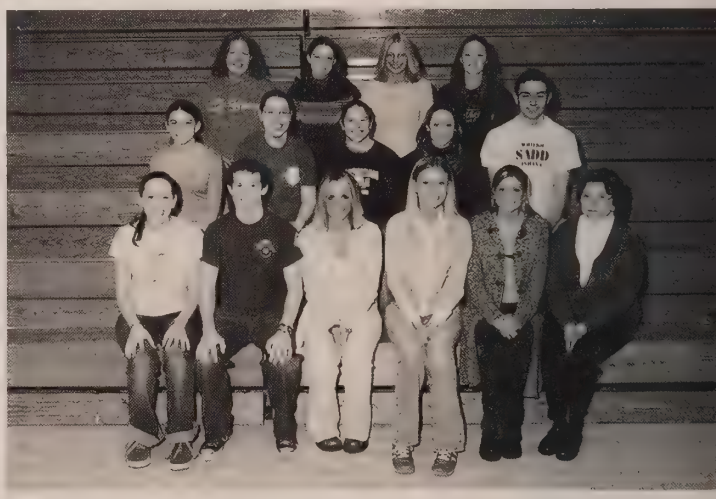
Express Yourself....

Join A Club

Spanish Club

(row 1:) Hannah Brennemen, Ashlee Westrick, Chelsey Grant, Stephanie Haines. (row 2:) Ron Wilson, Emily Barnes, Ashlin Engelhaupt, Jacklyn Glaze, Esther Brenneman, Josh Cripe, Jon Bergman. (row 3:) Michael Holler, Stephanie Rhoades, Nicole Gardner, Kristin Garrard, Ben Nault, Bud Ousley, Aaron Heaton. (row 4:) Ashlyn Dilling, Holly Slater, Emily Crist, Margaret Baldridge, Max Hapner, Rachel Peters, Kyla Castle.



French Club

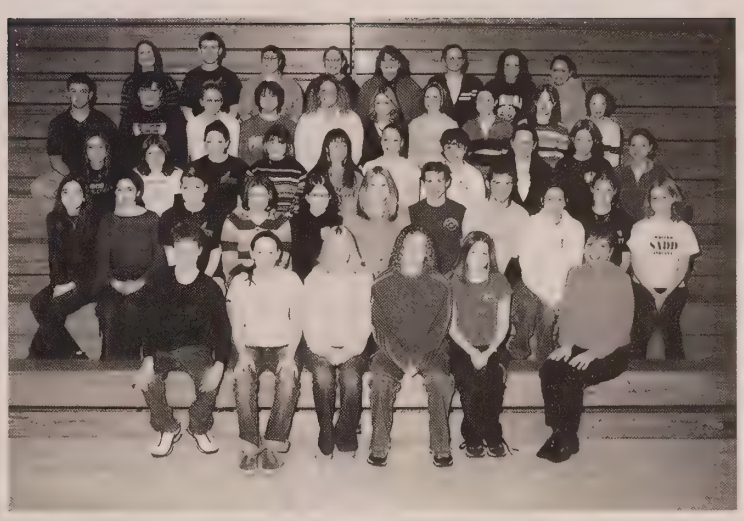
(row 1:) Christine Beets, Russell Mynhier, Erin Whitt, Jennifer Wendel, Tara Eberhart, Sponsor Nancy Lake. (row 2:) Cari Warner, Rebecca Morford, Angie Herron, Miranda Wilkinson, Matt Licata. (row 3:) Jessica Hyser, Ashley Anderson, Elizabeth Woodruff, Andrea Shepherd.

SADD

(row 1:) Nick Smith, Rachel Hall, Ashlee Westrick, Russell Mynhier Alyssa Carlin, Sponsor Patty Weybright. (row 2:) Tami Whitt, Lauren St Clair, Amanda Strang, Jessica Cripe, Ryan Roberts, Amy Ruckman, Katie Menzie, Sara Kessie, Carl Engle, Jeremiah Geiger, Matt Metzger, Stepher Whitaker, Clarence Baker. (row 3:) Christine Beets, Caitlin Sauter, Ashlyn Dilling, Josanne Begley, Kyla Castle, Jody Klinger, Jill Mulligan, Holly Slater, Elizabeth Woodruff, Kendra Craycraft, Angie Herron, Paul Dausman Emily Barnes. (row 4:) Staci Skiles, Stephanie Boggs, Halie Allen, Jessica Hatfield, Katie Richardson, Brie Francis, Donelda Rudd, Charissa Wagner, Tara Eberhart, Jacklyn Glaze, Katie Langohr, Ashlin Engelhaupt Kim Westerman. (row 5:) Danielle Spillers, Jessica Miles, Kristine Rotach, Sarah Shafer, Claudia Badskey, Melinda Salmons, Katie Gerard Ron Wilson, Katie Addison, Blake Truman, Shea Duggins, Matt Licata (row 6:) Cassie Graves, Kristy Jeffrey, Serena Miner, Chelsey Slater Brittany Smith, Katie Trump, Brittney Allender, Jayanna Begley, Jenna Mishler, Kaitlin Kessie, Kasey Ousley.

Drama

(row 1:) Nick Smith, Christine Beets, Elizabeth Woodruff, Stephen Whitaker, Shea Duggins, Sponsor Bonnie Twait. (row 2:) Elizabeth Kiser, Sopho Machablishvili, Kristine Rotach, Amy Ruckman, Becky Sullivan, Kendra Craycraft, Russell Mynhier, Matt Protzman, Jennifer Saldivar, Jodi Klinger, Jill Mulligan. (row 3:) Tiffany Secor, Janice Rogers, Andrea Socha, Jessica Moore, Tara Thompson, Courtney Maggert, John Ronk, Kara Boger, Stephanie Jones, Amanda Green. (row 4:) Jaron Freel, Kyle Wright, Brittney Allender, Katie Strandlund, McKenzie Swihart, Jenna Mishler, Kaitlin Kessie, Elizabeth Myers, Monica Young, Claudia Badskey. (row 5:) Danielle Kreger, Staci Skiles, Wesley Williams, Megan Manning, Katie Richardson, Angie Roberts, Alyssa Carlin, Nicole Gardner, Kristin Garrard.



Thespians

(row 1:) Staci Skiles, Christine Beets, Russell Mynhier, Matt Protzman, Shea Duggins. (row 2:) Jaron Freel, Stephen Whitaker, Jennifer Saldivar, Sponsor Bonnie Twait.

Art Club

(row 1:) Chelsey Grant, Sponsor Walter Malicki. (row 2:) Rachel Davis, Tiffany Hatton, Ashlee Westrick, Tara Eberhart, Hannah Brenneman, Danielle Burnworth, Jessica Ringle, Misty Hathaway, Eric Sellers. (row 3:) Wesley Renschler, Gabe McKeever, Kristin Bumbaugh, John Woods, Megan Manning, Josanne Begley, Elizabeth Woodruff, Stephanie Haines. (row 4:) Lisa Wilkinson, Holly Slater, Emily Crist, Charissa Wagner, Joo-Yeol Lim, Katie Menzie, Angie Roberts, Krystal Poe, Jodi Klinger, Philip Peters, Kendra Craycraft, Kristine Rotach. (row 5:) Matt Licata, Caitlin Sauter, Kevin Gensic, Leah Winger, Dawn Bayles, Carl Engle, Vickie Eldridge.

Layout by: Tara Eberhart

Expect Respect started their year out with early morning practices followed by back to back late night cramming sessions. Usually the group begins with a weekend retreat to get to know each other, possibly start some connections; unfortunately, the funds were low, and the season was packed with performances. After Expect Respect's first performance, the group realized improvement was needed. Most of the ideas had been thrown together quickly due to the lack of time.

(right)The group poses for a picture after a great performance.

Expect Respect

Earn it Learn it Return it

Some of the best ideas came in those early morning hours. They arrived all glossy eyed with coffee and caffeine filled cups in their hands and still dressed in their pajamas. The group seemed to accomplish more than in their afternoon practice sessions. Mrs. Dial, the Expect Respect spnsor, stated, " They worked so hard this year. When they were asked to do a week long tour in New York, they were estatic. The hard work had paid off." The members of Expect Respect say, "The week away from school will be tough, but the experience will be well worth it." Mrs. Dial watched as the group grew together creating many exciting performances for thousands of high school students all over the country. The bond the group shares that has been developed this year has created memories that will last a life time. The seniors in the group express how much they will miss being in the group next year. Frequent visits and get togethers will make it easier. The student body gives the groupa standing ovation for excellence!

(above) Russell shows the Expect Respect group what he can do with a "freedom" fry in one of their famous stops at...Steak and Shake!

(left) The group poses for a special fan. Along with having their picture taken, they give autographs as well!

(right) Stephanie Haines and Sheena Sharpe are still able to smile on a bus, at 5 a.m.!

(above) Brandon Schrader and Cory Vanderford steal the spotlight for a picture.

(above) Expect Respect poses with some of Mt. Vernon High School students after an exciting performance.

(right) Some of the members get a picture during a late practice at the school.

Layout:Sheena Sharpe Photos: Erin Whitt

For the first time in the school's history, Whitko introduced a soccer club. The season started off shakey, but by the end, the team had improved tremendously. The soccer team was led by Coach Dodd Cunningham. Since the club was just introduced this year, some games consisted of a combination of middle school and high school students. The team is hoping to get more students interested in the program, as it hopefully becomes a varsity sport within the next two years. (right) Joel Lim battles with Southwood.

starting A NEW Trend

(above) Goalie, Tony Yagel, stops the ball and kicks it back out to his team mates.

getting PERSONAL

(left) Joel Lim uses his Korean soccer skills to steal the ball from a Southwood player.

Nobody does it like the soccer CLUB

(above) Jordan Grissom, dribbles the ball down the field.

(row 1) Dan Aldea,Stephaine Rhodes,Michelle Collier, Tony Yagel, Rachel Hall, Jolene Reed.
(row 2) Tony Reed, Doru Aldea, Adam Gardner, Edgar Rosales, Phillip Peters, Joel Lim, Dan Schultz, David Sainer, Jacob Moore, Thomas Stuth, Jordan Grissom, and Clay Mishier.

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Photos: Marlene Mishler and Brooke Workman

Sunshine Society was involved in many activities this year. For example, the club's main focus was giving back to the community. The girls began community service in Ocotober with the "Boo Spectacular" for the elementary schools. Children were invited to come play games and compete in contests at the high school. Work continued in November with the "Rake and Run". Groups gathered in Pierceton and South Whitley to rake the yards of people in the community. The girls would then run away leaving the homeowners clueless as to who had done the good deed. In December, the Sunshine Society also sponsored a clothing

Sunshine Society

"No act of kindness, no matter how small is

drive at the high school. Good works were continued in January as the Sunshine Queen Contest was held. The winner, Miranda Wilkinson, took home the crown with over $2,000.00 in donations. Brooke Weber, Kate Gerard, and Rebecca Morford were the runners up for the contest. A total of $4,000.00 was raised by these girls. All the money was then given to Riley's Children's Hospital. The girls represented February's focus on "Ideal Ladies" by sending cards and gifts for Valentines Day. "Daddy Date Night" was held in April for members and their fathers. Also this month, the Sunshine Society visited local pre-schools and nursing homes; spreading a little Easter cheer. The annual "Ideal Lady Tea" at the end of the year gave the Ideal Ladies a chance to finally meet their Sunshine Girl to reward them for their devotion.

(right) While dressed as a princess, Tami Whitt decorates for the Boo Spectacular.

(below) Danielle Murphy paints faces at the Boo Spectacular.

(right) Travis Pherigo escourts the new sunshine queen, Miranda Wilkinson, onto the court.

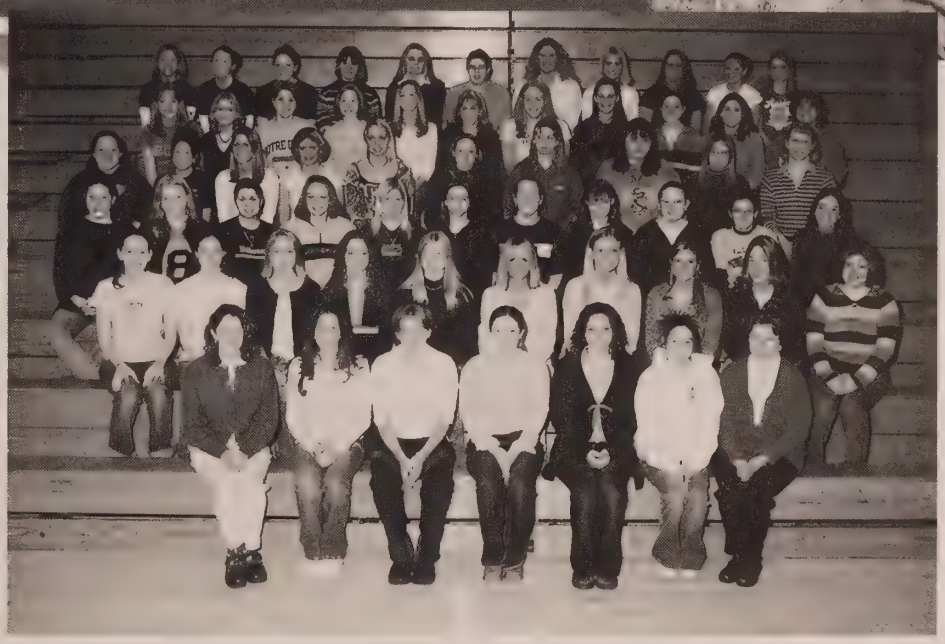
Layout: Lauren St. Clair

(left) Sunshine members decorate for the Boo Spectacular.

(right) Jolenna Egner, Katie Strandlund, Charissa Wagner, and Renee Egner set up for refreshments.

(right) Lauren St. Clair runs a game booth at the "Boo Spectacular".

ever wasted" -Aesop



(row 1) Mrs. Datzman, Amanda Busz, Stacy Socha, Lauren St. Clair, Charrissa Wagner, Jennifer Saldivar, Mrs. Lake. (row 2) Christine Beets, Ashlee Westrick, Stephanie Boggs, Lisa Wilkinson, Holly Slater, Erin Whitt, Jennifer Wendel, Tara Eberhart, Beth Hockemeyer, Amy Ruckman. (row 3) Marie Boger, Amanda Bays, Kasey Ousley, Jolenna Egner, Tiffany Pucket, Renee Egner, Danielle Spillers, Mallory Shepherd, Katie Richardson, Stephanie Shafer, Bethany Spears. (row 4) Katie Langohr, Leanne Miller, Jacklyn Arnett, Tami Whitt, Halie Allen, Miranda Wilkinson, Jolene Reed, Vicky Eldridge, Stefanie Pucket, Alice Caudill. (row 5) Betsy Shelby, Jenna Mishler, Heather Chalk, Kaitlin Kessie, Serena Miner, Brittany Smith, Jayanna Begley, Katie Trump, Elizabeth Myers, Shelby Kreger, Katie Strandlund, (row 6) Cassie Graves, Kristy Jeffery, Andrea Socha Jessica Moore, Kate Gerard, Carey Sherbahn, McKenzie Swihart, Brooke Weber, Stefani Coble, Erica Snyder, and Chelsey Slater.

"Never doubt a smal group of thoughtful, commited people could change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that has."
-Margaret Mead-

This years Whitko FFA Chapter is as strong as it has ever been. The Chapter consists of fifty-five members involved in student leadership, small engines and the most popular and prominent, livestock and dairy judging CDE's. The Chapter has been able to capture four state championships along with four national recognitions in the past year. Members attended three national contests which include the National FFA covention in Louisville, Kentucky, the American Quarter-Horse Contest in Fort Worth, Texas, and the National

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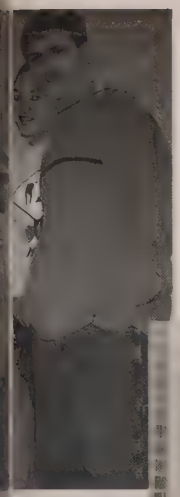
Western Livestock Exposition in Denver, Colorado. Chapter officers Eric Camden, Adam Haegert, Shannon Dellinger, Melinda Salmons, Stephanie Rhoades, and Matthew Metzger, along with other chapter members, took many trips to the FFA Fellowship Center in Trafaler, Indiana. The fellowship center inspires group work and educational leadership activities. With incoming freshmen and an increase in interest, the Whitko FFA Chapter continues to excel each year. This group thanks the student body for their support, and the members of the Whitko Chapter are proud to compete under the name of Whitko.

(left) Jeremiah Geiger, Lisa Wilkinson, Eric Camden, and Roger Carr at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

(below) It is not all hard work in the Ag class. They can not forget the fun and games.



(left) This year's theme of "Constucting Teams For The Future" is represented by Shannon Dellinger, Matthew Metzger, Stephanie Rhoades, Adam Haegert, and Melinda Salmons.

Sophmores celebrate Ag Day.

(left) The state contest winners of Dairy for 2002 were Kody Hand, Adam Haegert, Chase Hand, and Matthew Metzger.

(left) Adam Haegert, Angie Juricak, Melinda Kessie, Leigh Dausman pose with Roger Carr after their win at the 2003 Natinoal Western Stockshow in Denver.

(row 1) Nicholas Smith, Eric Camden, Adam Haegert, Shannon Dellinger, Melinda Salmons, Matthew Metzger, Stephanie Rhoades, Roger Carr. (row 2) Nicholas Heinold, Andrew Kessie, Phillip Bowers, Kasey Ousley, Paul Dausman, Jessica Moore, Cara Ramey, Amanda Nicodemus. (row 3) Chase Hand, Jake Landrigan, Katie Addison, Megan Rupley, Katie Trump, Claudia Badskey, Melinda Kessie, Angie Juricak, Leigh Dausman, Kody Hand. (row 4) Jeremiah Geiger, Jacob Wise, Jeff Sprunger, Jacob Moore, Jared Frantz, Nic Sprunger, Holly Slater, Lisa Wilkinson, and Mike Estep.

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Junior Varsity and Freshmen Sports

Junior Varsity Basketball

Matt Tracy, Jason Woods, Nathan Alspaugh, Dan Rupley, Corey Spangle, Aaron Wendel.

Freshman Basketball

(row 1) Camron Walter, Brad Smith, James Cloud, Anthony McKenzie, Tony Reed. (row 2) Josh Licata, Justin Kurtz, Jeff Coats, Mitchell Westness, Ren Rose, and Coach McManama.

Freshman Football

(row 1) Eric Rodriguez, Kristopher Shepherd, David Eppelmann, Austin Foreman, Derrik Mast. (row 2) Samuel Slusher, Kyle Hobbs, Brian Smith, Brad Smith, Christopher Moore, Joshua Thompson, Robert Craft, Darrel Angier. (row 3) Coach Trump, Brian Lardino, Phillip Bowers, Jeffrey Sprunger, Bryan Frush, McAaron Kraft, John Calhoun, Anthony McKenzie, Coach Swender.

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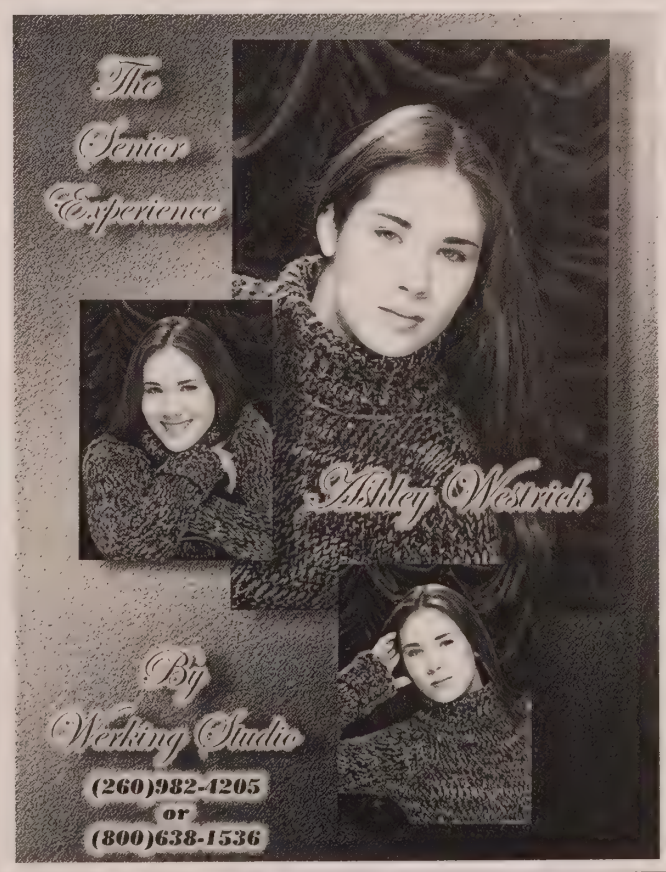

Junior Varsity and Freshmen Sports

Freshman Girl's Volleyball

(row 1) Kaitlin Kessie, Stefani Coble, Kathleen Trump, Hannah VanHoozen, Elizabeth Myers.
(row 2) Stephanie Shafer, Sara Shafer, Erica Snyder, Mr. Lance, Andrea Socha, Serena Miner.

Freshman Cheerleading

(row 1) Monica Young, Katie Richardson.
(row 2) Chelsey Slater, Christie Hansen, Brittany Smith, Brooke Weber.

Junior Varsity Vollyball

(row 1) Miranda Wilkinson, Leah Winger, Danielle Barnett, Angie Juricak, Kendra Craycraft, Jaclyn Glaze.
(row 2) Kasey Crewse, Amanda Strang, Holly Slater, Jacki Arnett, Alice Caudill, Amanda Busz, Jenna Yeager, Coach Tucker, Ashlyn Englehaupt.

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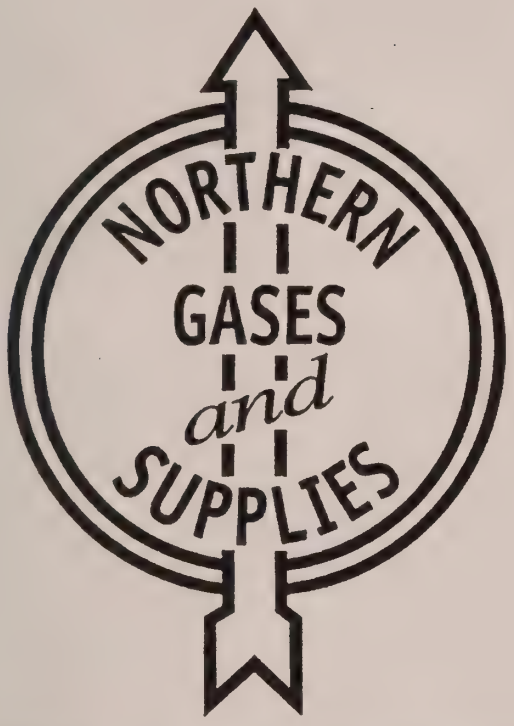

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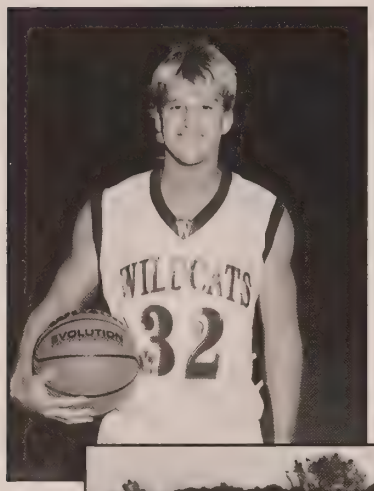

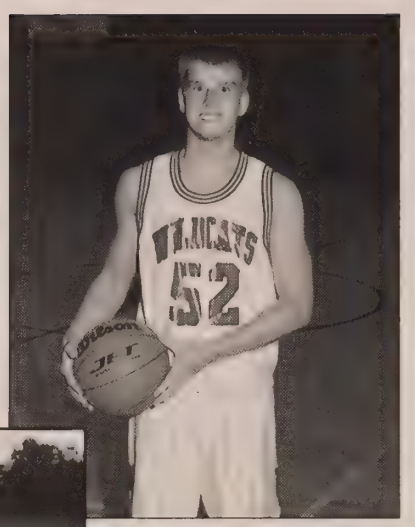

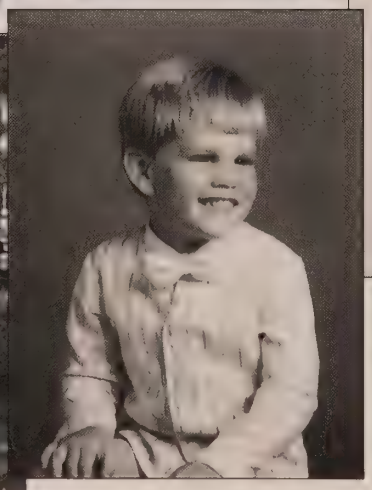

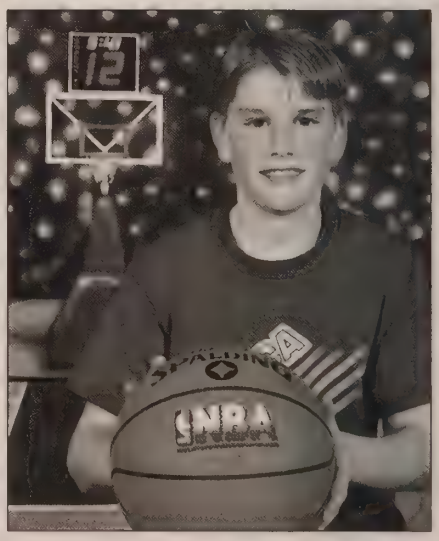

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my time to *Shine*

BPA this year was very successful with many members advancing to Nationals. Josanne Begley had the most bids, placing second in Payroll Accounting, first in Merit Scholar, and placing in the top ten in Financial Math and Analysis, Administrative Support Concepts, and Management/Marketing/ Human Resources Concept. The Parliamentary Procedure Team placed second at state. This team included Amanda Busz, Jessica Cripe, Jana Rowland, Jennifer Wendel, Miranda Wilkinson, and Brandy Bayles who also placed in the top ten in the Individual Parliamentary Procedure. Jayanna Begley advanced in Management/Marketing/Human Resources Concept, placing in the top ten. Katie Strandlund won frist place in Medical Office Procedues.

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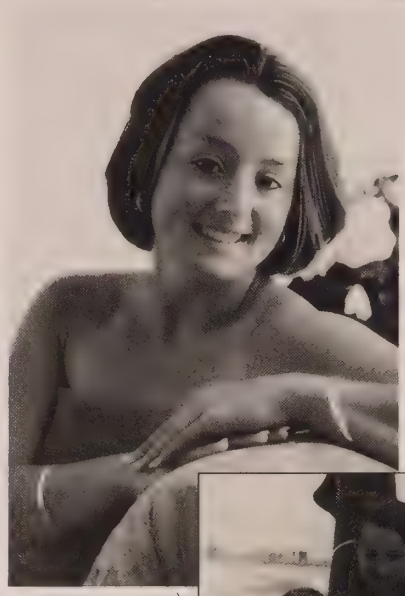

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Girls!

Brooke Workman

Be happy...while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.
-Ecclesiastes 11:9

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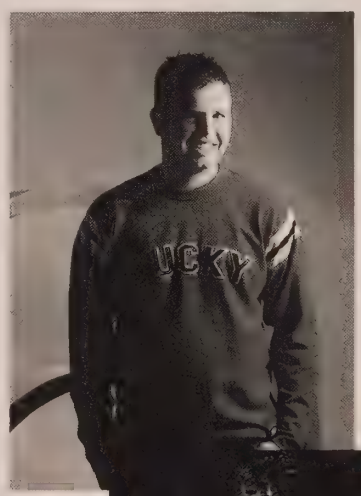

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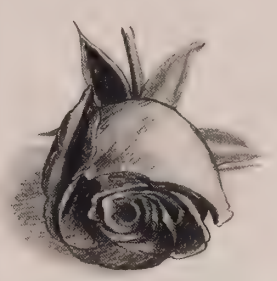

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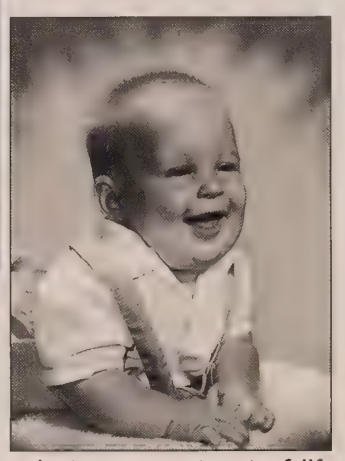

Brett,
Congratulations on all of your success throughout your school years. Do not give up on what you want out of life. Follow your hopes and dreams by working hard and staying focused and you will achieve your goals. I am so proud of you!

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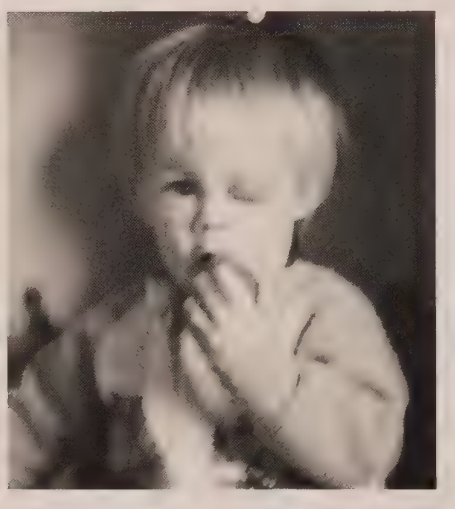

Bubby- I'm not my brother's keeper, but he is often mine. Good luck at L.T.I.

Love
Carissa

Congratulations Misty!

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With all our love,
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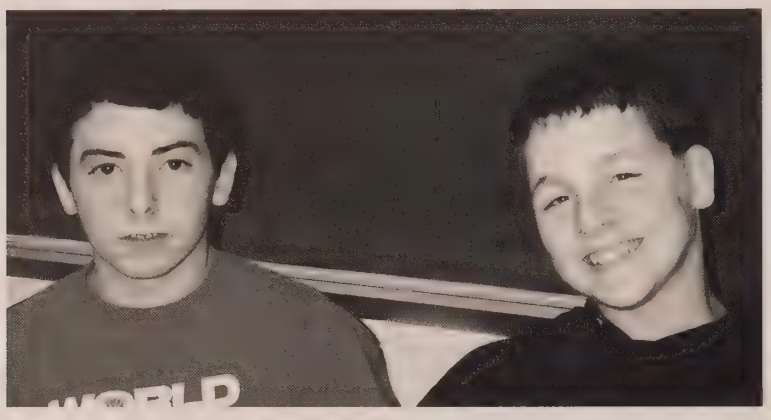

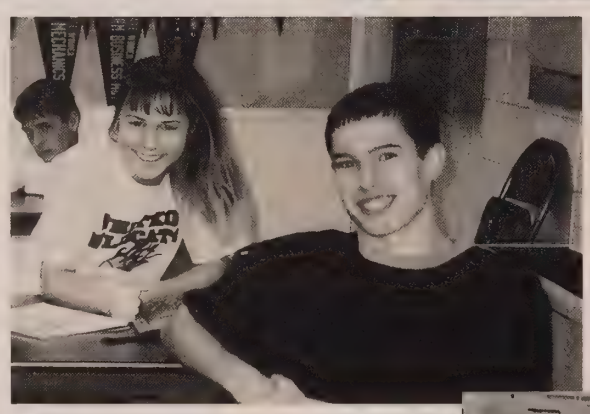

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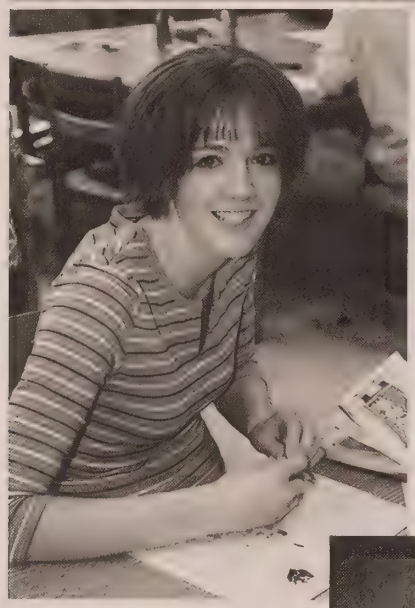

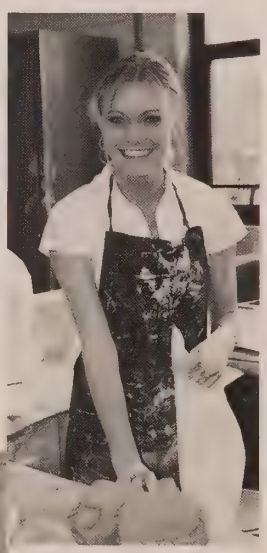

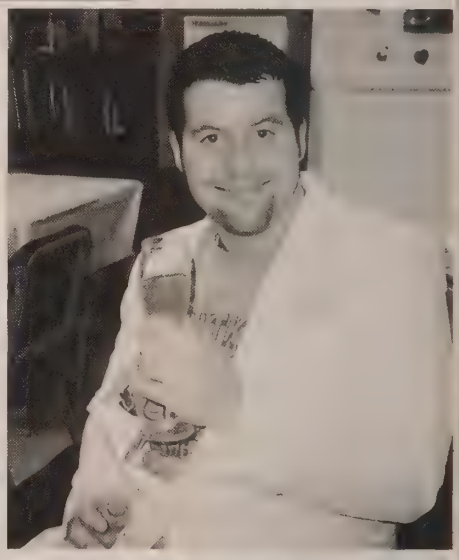

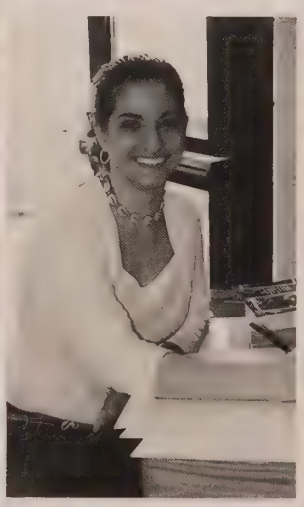

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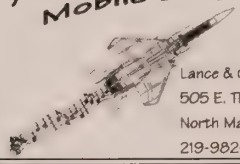

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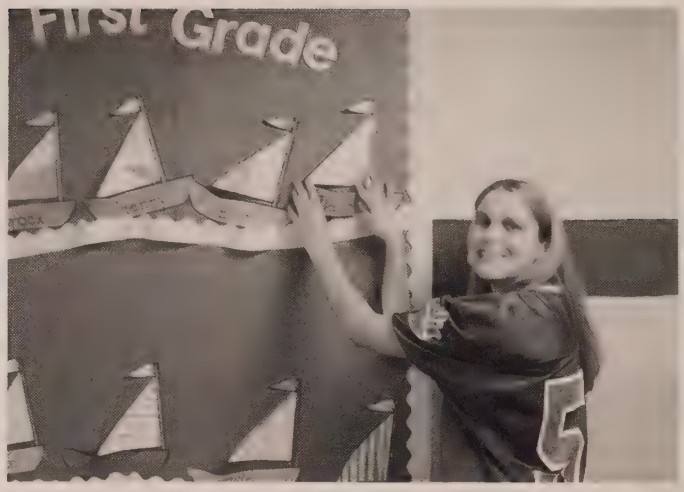

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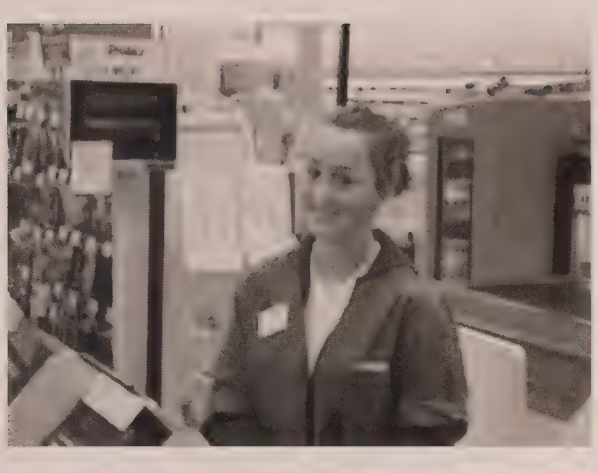

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